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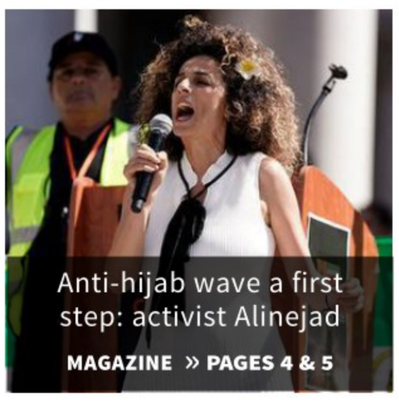

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SSLC exam in Karnataka proposed to begin on April 1

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) examination in Karnataka will be held from April 1 to 15. The examination will be conducted from 10.30 a.m. to 1.45 p.m.

First exam

The first exam will be of the first language, and the last one of social science. Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) announced the tentative timetable of SSLC examination on October 29, and called for objections.

Students and parents can submit objections, if any, by November 28 by writing to dpikseeb@gmail.com or sadpi.csec.kseeb@gmail.com, or directly to the KSEEB.

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Kalanamak rice is now small, strong

Indian Agriculture Research Institute has successfully tested two new dwarf varieties in Uttar Pradesh that give double the yield

A.M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

Kalanamak, a traditional variety of paddy with black husk and strong fragrance, which is considered a gift from Lord Buddha to the people of Sravasti when he visited the region after enlightenment, is all set to get a new look and name.

Grown in 11 districts of the Terai region of northeastern Uttar Pradesh and in Nepal, the traditional variety has been prone to 'lodging', a reason for its low yield. Lodging is a condition in which the top of the plant becomes heavy because of grain formation, the stem becomes weak, and the plant falls on the ground.

Addressing the problem, the Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI) has successfully developed two dwarf varieties of Kalanamak rice. They have been named Pusa Narendra Kalanamak 1638 and Pusa Narendra Kalanamak 1652.

The IARI says the new name is in recognition of its association with the Acharya Narendra Dev University of Agriculture and Technology in Ayodhya, for testing the two varieties.

A field in U.P. where Kalanamak paddy is being grown on a trial basis. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The yield of the new varieties is double that of the traditional variety. The IARI and the the Uttar Pradesh Council of Agriculture are working together to make the seeds available to farmers at the earliest.

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'Amended IT rules are meant to make Web safer for all'

Yuthika Bhargava
NEW DELHI

Minister of State for Electronics Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Saturday stressed that with the new amendments to the Information Technology rules, the government's focus is to make the Internet a safe, trusted and accountable space for users. The amendments will ensure that platforms such as Twitter and Facebook respect the rights accorded to citizens under Articles 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution, he said.

The Minister also dismissed criticism that the Centre-appointed Grievance Appellate Committees (GACs) would give the government power to moderate content on social media, saying that content moderation is not an issue that is going to come to GACs at all. The government, he said, had been forced to introduce GACs due to the "casual" and "tokenism" approach of digital platforms towards user complaints in the past one year. The government had received lakhs of messages from citizens regarding the action/inaction on the part of the intermediaries on grievances regarding objectionable content or suspension of user accounts, he added.

Rajeev Chandrasekhar

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DPI makes U-turn on textbooks

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The Department of Public Instruction has withdrawn its September 23 order that had directed schools not to teach lessons by seven authors.

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BMRCL to clear way for TBM

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In order to make the tunnel boring machine (TBM) resume the work, the BMRCL is spending more than ₹10 crore to construct a concrete box.

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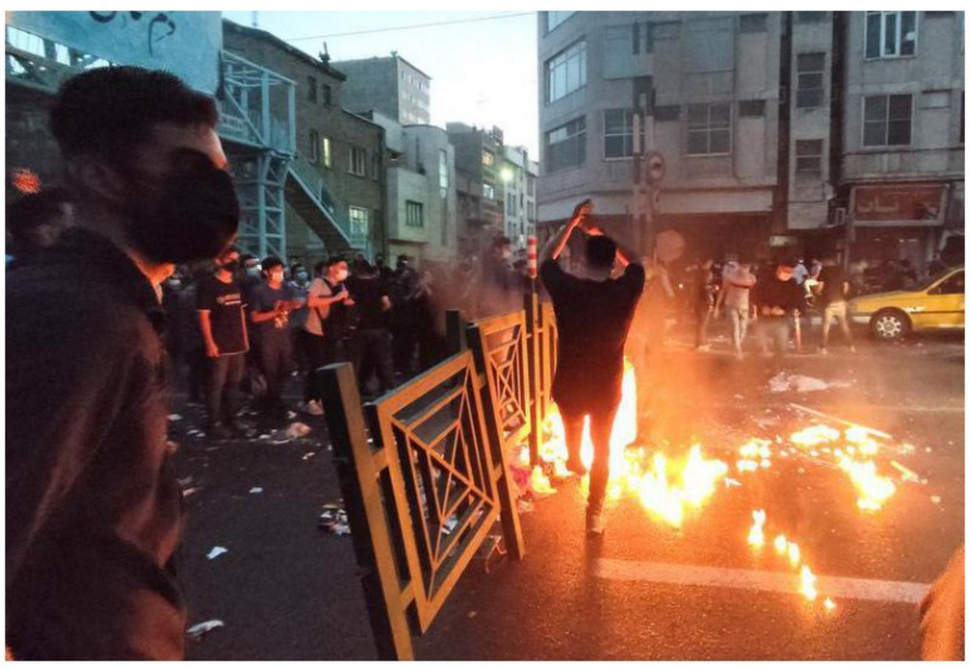
Rising high: Thousands making their way towards the Aichi cemetery in Saqez, Mahsa Amini's home town in the western Iranian province of Kurdistan, to mark 40 days since her death, defying heightened security measures as part of a crackdown on women-led protests. AFP



Burning issue: People light a fire during a protest against moral policing in Tehran. REUTERS/WEST ASIA NEWS AGENCY

Taking a stand: A demonstration outside Iran's Consulate in London. REUTERS

Locks off: Nasibe Samsaei, an Iranian woman living in Turkey, cuts her hair during a protest outside the Iranian Consulate in Istanbul. REUTERS

Bare heads, steely hearts

Thousands of protesters are out on the streets of Iran against the government, after a young woman who was arrested for breach of dress code died in custody

Mahsa Amini, an Iranian woman of Kurdish origin, was arrested by the country's "morality police" for an alleged breach of Iran's strict dress code for women. Three days later, on September 16, young Amini lapsed into a coma and died. Since then, young women have led the charge across Iran, and beyond its borders.

Inside Iran, they protested by removing their headscarves, chanting anti-government slogans and confronting the security forces on the streets. The protests on the streets of Mahabad, Iran's Kurdish city, erupted again after a protester was killed in a rally commemorating the 40th day since Mahsa Amini's death.

According to some rights groups, the crackdown in the Islamic Republic has claimed the lives of 122 people since the death of Amini.

Protests have been raging, not just in Iran. From Turkey, to Germany, to Chile, to the U.S. and the UK, people took out rallies shouting slogans in support of the demonstrations in Iran. Many women took to the streets and chopped off locks of their hair during the protests, many of which were held in front of Iran's embassies in those countries.

Meanwhile, some pro-hijab rallies were also seen on the streets of Tehran during the same period.

In solidarity: People holding placards at the Acropolis archaeological site in Athens, Greece. AFP

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INBRIEF

World Stroke Day: NIMHANS holds awareness events

To mark the World Stroke Day observed on October 29, NIMHANS organised several screening camps through the Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (KaBHI) in Chikkaballapur, Ramanagaram and Kolar. Over 1,000 people were screened on Saturday. A slew of events including training programmes for nurses and other staff, e-poster competition, poster exhibition and other awareness activities were organised throughout the month, said Girish Kulkarni, Professor of Neurology, NIMHANS.

In the picture above, a sand art sculpture on health awareness is seen at Malpe Beach in Udupi that was unveiled by Kasturba Hospital Manipal to observe World Stroke Day on Saturday.

Two arrested for attempting to smuggle red sanders

The Srirampura police uncovered an inter-State smuggling racket and arrested two people and recovered 400 kg of red sanders which they were allegedly trying to sell to their customers .

The accused, Syed Nooruddin, 50, and Imtiyaz Pasha, 46, were caught by the police while they were waiting for their clients on Vatal Nagraj road. The police recovered 110 kg of red sanders from them. Based on their information, the police raided a farm house in Krishnagiri where the accused had stored 400 kg of red sanders. Probe revealed that the accused sourced the wood from their contact in Andhra Pradesh and stored it in the farm house belonging to Nooruddin. The police are now on the lookout for the contact, who is presently on the run.

BMRCL to spend over ₹10 crore to make TBM resume tunnel work on Bannerghatta road

To restart operations, the BMRCL has planned to build a concrete box by piling, and also remove six structures on the surface as they were built on quarry land which was levelled using sand, debris, and other materials

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

Metro rail work is in progress on Bannerghatta road near Mico factory on Saturday. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

In order to make the tunnel boring machine (TBM), which is stuck after encountering a massive pile of garbage 33 feet from the surface, resume the work, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is spending more than ₹10 crore to construct a concrete box, and compensate shop owners affected by the metro work.

Recently, the machine named Rudra was stuck near Lakkasandra after drilling work had commenced from Dairy Circle side. The metro officials were shocked to realise that it was not a hard rock, but a heap of trash blocking the way of the giant machine.

Dumping site

An investigation by metro officials revealed that four decades ago, the area used to be a granite quarry; it was later converted into a dumping site. The metro staff had found tyres, plastic buckets, shoes, and other trash blocking the way of the machine. The officials had said garbage pile for a distance of 40 meters was blocking the way of the machine.

To resume the tunneling work, the BMRCL has planned to build a concrete box by piling and also remove six structures on the surface as they were built on quarry land which was levelled using sand, debris and other materials.

BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Parwez told *The Hindu* that on the periphery of tunnel alignment, the reinforced piling work has already started and rest of the piling work will be completed in two months. Once the concrete box is ready, the machine will resume the drilling work.

Meanwhile, as a safety measure, the BMRCL has decided to remove several structures that were built on quarry land which was later levelled by the owners of the land using sand, debris and other materials. The officials said considering the safety of the structures and workers, it was decided to remove six structures.

"As these structures are built on a quarry site which was later converted into a dumping site, it is not safe to continue the work. Owners will be compensated for demolishing the structure, land rent and business loss," an official said. The BMRCL is spending over ₹10 crore for piling work and compensating the owners.

Soil testing

Murari Sharma, the owner of a marble shop, said, "After the TBM encountered the problem, the BMRCL said they wanted to do the soil testing adjacent to the Bannerghatta main road in our area. Prior to starting the tunnel work, they carried out soil testing near the main road and found hard rocks.

"Our establishments are located 3 to 4 meters from the road. Recent soil tests indicated that where the five to six structures are located used to be a quarry land and levelled later.

"The BMRCL has requested us to relocate for four months. We have agreed to cooperate with them."

'Nurserymen Cooperative Society gates still locked despite court order'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Despite the stay imposed by the High Court on the Government Order which had cancelled the leased deed of The Nurserymen Cooperative Society (NCS) inside Lalbagh Botanical Garden, the members of the society on Saturday alleged that they were still denied entry.

"The HC had said that we could continue our operations inside Lalbagh and we sent the order to all the officials concerned of the Horticulture Department. We have not received any reply. The gates of our society have still been locked and we have not been able to water our plants inside," said N. Ramu Ravi, who is on the Board of Directors of NCS.

When contacted, an official within the department said there are no restrictions on the movement of NCS members or for watering plants inside the nursery. Another source said that the department has to go through certain legal protocols before implementing the HC order.

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BBMP officials warned of disciplinary action if potholes are not filled by Nov. 5

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

File photo of a pothole-ridden road in Bengaluru.

After being pulled up repeatedly by the High Court and public for the pothole menace in Bengaluru, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath, in an internal circular, has warned the BBMP officials concerned of strict action if the potholes are not fixed by November 5.

In the circular dated on October 27, a copy of which is with *The Hindu*, the Commissioner has sent out the warning following instructions from the Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to fill potholes in the city.

"A deadline of November 5 has been set to fill the potholes in Bengaluru. If officials fail to fill potholes, the respective officials will be given notice and another five days to complete the work," said a senior BBMP official.

In the circular, further it is stated that if officials fail to fill potholes despite the second notice, the officials concerned have to face disciplinary action, including suspension as per Karnataka Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1957. The Chief Commissioner has issued the circular to BBMP chief engineers, assistant executive engineers, and executive engineers.

On Thursday, Karnataka High Court, hearing a public interest litigation, said that the BBMP has completely failed in implementing its orders on filling potholes on city roads. The High Court had on October 8 pulled up the BBMP for shoddy work in closing potholes and directed them to ensure quality in pothole-filling works.

The recent spell of rains have only further deteriorated the condition of the city roads with several thousands of new potholes and bad stretches appearing. Several motorists and residents have been complaining and social media is abuzz with photographs and rants against potholes. Around six people were killed owing to potholes in Bengaluru over the last year.

BU students, staff demand financial aid, govt. job for road accident victim's family

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The students and staff of Bangalore University are demanding financial aid and a government job for the family of post-graduate student Shilpa Shree, who died in a road accident involving a BMTC bus on Jana Bharathi campus on October 10.

In a condolence meeting on October 28 in front of the Bangalore University head office, the students said, "Due to the negligence of the BMTC bus driver, Shilpa Shree lost her life. She was a brilliant student. The State government has failed to fulfil promises like financial assistance and others to the deceased family."

SSLC examination timetable

April 1	First language: Kannada, Telugu, Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, Urdu, English, Sanskrit
April 4	Mathematics
April 6	Second language: English, Kannada
April 10	Science
April 12	Third language: Hindi, Kannada, English, Arabic, Persian, Urdu, Sanskrit, Konkani, Tulu
April 15	Social Science

Mandya rape case: Police file chargesheet in record time

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a rare case, the Mandya district police completed the investigation in record time to file chargesheet within 14 days in connection with the alleged rape and murder of a 10-year-old girl by her 51-year-old tuition teacher in Malavalli on October 11.

Going in the fast forward mode and without bypassing any procedure, the police hoped that if everything went well, the court would convict the accused Kantharaju within six months to one year, Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) Alok Kumar said.

The incident took place in Malavalli taluk when the accused, Kantharaju, called the minor on the pretext of taking tuition class, sexually assaulted her, strangled her and threw the body in a sump.

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Sl. No.	Name of Work	Apprx. value of work (Rs. in lakhs)	E.M.D (in Rs.)
1	Improvements to sheep mandi & Goat mandi yard flooring in existing slaughter halls, Tannery road (Dhoddy) in Ward No. 60 Comprehensive development of Roads & Drains at Shampura main road, sulthanpalya main road, L.R.Bande & near Kuvempu Circle Nanda Gokula layout in Kaverinagar & Development & Asphalting to Ganesh Block & surrounding area in ward no. 32 (Package No.1) (Call2).	1000.00	1500000
Period of Completion (in Days) including Monsoon: **180 Days**			

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender Documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal from: **03.11.2022 16:00Hrs.** 2) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on: **09.11.2022 16:00Hrs** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Pulakeshinagar Division, Robertson Road, Bangalore. 3) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal **on or before 23.11.2022 16:00 Hrs.** 4)Technical Bids will be opened on the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** in the O/o. Executive Engineer, Pulakeshinagar Division, BBMP, Bangalore on: **25.11.2022 at 11.00 Hrs.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or e-Procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Pulakeshinagar Division, BBMP

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560009
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement portal)
Karnataka Housing Board invites tender from the eligible contractors who are empanelled & also willing to empanel in Karnataka Housing Board through E-Procurement for below mentioned work.
Last date for submission of bid: 14.11.2022 up to 4.00 PM

Sl.No.	Name of work
1	Construction of Minority Welfare Department, Morarji Desai Residential PU College at Thegur Village, Chikkamagaluru District, (CALL-2). **Work Indent No:** KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 986 & IFT No. 67/2022-23, Date: 28.10.2022. **Amount put to tender:** Rs. 7,55,74,622/-.

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, 3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru, Phone No. 080-22273511 / 080-22100077, website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/2841/AKAR/22-23

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Auction for Leasing of Parcel Space, Parking, & Out of home Advertisement/Publicity
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites bidders for E-Auctions on the following dates.
1). Parcel SLR and VPH Leasing on : 02-11-2022, 07-11-2022, 14-11-2022, 21-11-2022 & 28-11-2022
2). Parking, Pay & Use contracts on : 09-11-2022, 16-11-2022,14-11-2022 & 23-11-2022.
3). Advertising and ATM contracts on : 03-11-2022, 04-11-2022, 08-11-2022, 10-11-2022, 15-11,2022, 17-11-2022, 18-11-2022, 22-11-2022, 24-11-2022, 25-11-2022 & 29-11-2022.
For details log on:www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Comercial Manager Bengaluru
PUB/453/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE
My Client **Shri. VARUN MEDA** has entered into an Agreement of Sale with **Shri. S. PATTABHI,** Son of Shri.Munaswamy Naidu Sriramaneni, A permanent resident of Doddi Ananthapuram Village, Cheelapalli Post, Chittoor Mandalam, Cheelapalli, CHITTOOR, ANDHRA PRADESH - 517419; Presently Residing at No.360, Narayanappa Road, Ganapathipura, Konena Kunte Extention, Uttarahalli Hobli, BENGALURU-560 062, who represents that he is the sole and absolute owner of the Immovable Property described in the Schedule hereunder written, he having purchased the same out of his own funds, under a Deed of Sale dated 02/08/2003, Registered as Document No.1110/03-04, of Book I, stored in CD No.134,in the Office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore.
Any person/s, banks, Financial institutions, private financiers, etc., having any right, title, interest, lien or claim by way of inheritance, mortgage, possession, sale, gift, least, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, loan, easement, partition or otherwise of whatsoever nature, with regard to the property mentioned in the schedule below, may send their objections if any to the undersigned within **FIFTEEN DAYS** from the date of issue of this notice with documentary evidence of their claims, failing which, the claims of all such persons shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned and our client shall proceed with the purchase, on the basis that there are no claims of any nature whatsoever in respect of the schedule property.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Residential Property bearing **No.58,** House List Khata No.183, (forming a portion of Survey No.6, situated in **Chunchaghatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk),** consisting of a Ground Floor now standing thereon and now within the limits of BBMP, Bangalore; presently bearing BBMP Khata No.122/183/58, situated in Chunchaghatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, BBMP Ward No.195-Konanakunte, Bangalore and being bounded On the : **East by:** Property No.37, **West by** : Road, **North by** : Property Nos.59 and 60 and **South by :** Property No.57 and measuring East to West 40 (Forty) Feet and North to South 30 (Thirty) Feet, with all the buildings and structures now standing thereon.
RAMESH D SHAH
ADVOCATE
No.1, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Meenakshi Koil St., Cross, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051.
E-mail:rame3003@gmail.com
Bangalore Date : 29/10/2022

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP,
HAL AIRPORT ROAD, VIMANAPURA POST, BENGALURU - 560 017
(Phone: 080 2508-4156/4318/4194/4185) (Fax: 080 25084155)
BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE
CORRIGENDUM - IV
1. On behalf of the President of India, item-rate tender is invited for the following works:

Description	Details
Name of work	Repairing & Servicing of 6.3 MVA, 66/11 kV M/s. Voltas make Transformer at URSC Main Campus, Bengaluru - 560017.
E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/1020(Ele)/E-Tender/2022-23/02 Dated:27.07.2022
Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 50.28 Lakhs
Tender Document details	E-Tender
Period of completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	Ten (10) Months
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	Extended up to 16.30hrs. on 03.11.2022
Bid clarification	Extended up to 18.00hrs. on 03.11.2022
Last date and time of reply to Bid clarification	Extended up to 17.00hrs. on 04.11.2022
Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	Extended up to 14.30hrs. on 09.11.2022
Due date and times of opening of tenders.	Extended after 14.30hrs. on 09.11.2022
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 1,00,560/-

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**
Sd/-, Group Director, C&MG, URSC

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Notification No. 565/STBA/10/2022
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites sealed applications for Engagement of Station Ticket Booking Agents (STBA) at **Channarayapatna Railway Station** over Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway for issuing of Unreserved/ General Tickets through Unreserved Ticket System (UTS) on commission basis for a period of Three (03) years.
Date and Time of submission of Application: **From 10:00 hrs. to 15:00 hrs. on 01-12-2022**
Notification No. 565/STBA/10/HEB/2022
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites sealed applications for Engagement of Station Ticket Booking Agents (STBA) at **Hebbal Railway Station** over Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway for issuing of Unreserved/ General Tickets through Unreserved Ticket System (UTS) on commission basis for a period of Three (03) years.
Date and Time of submission of Application: **From 10:00 hrs. to 15:00 hrs. on 05-12-2022**
For details log on : www.swr.indiarailways.gov.in
Senior Divisional Comercial Manager Bengaluru
PUB/456/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23
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Loud and clear: A woman raising slogans in front of the Iranian Embassy in Madrid, Spain. REUTERS

In one voice: A protester in the German capital Berlin gives a clarion call for freedom. AFP

In memory: Syrian Kurdish women taking part in a demonstration in Syria's northeastern city of Hasakeh. AFP

Support for regime: Iranians taking part in a pro-hijab rally in the Tajrish Square, north of Tehran. AFP

HC declines to interfere with seat matrix, fee structure of PG medical courses

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

FROM THE COURT

The Karnataka High Court on Saturday refused to interfere with the seat matrix and the fee structure issued for PG courses at private minority medical colleges based on the consensual agreement signed by Karnataka government with the Association of Minority Professional Colleges for the academic year 2022-23.

A division bench comprising Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty passed the order while disposing of the petitions filed by Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, Bengaluru, and two other colleges. The petitioner-colleges, who are members of the association, had complained of discrepancies in the agreement in respect of allotment of seats in NRI and management quotas and fixation of fees in their colleges. They had sought for re-fixation of seat matrix and fee for them.

However, the Bench noted that the petitioners have not questioned the legality of the consensual agreement signed on their behalf by the association in seat-sharing and fee fixation.

Holding that the petitioners are bound by the agreement signed by their association, the Bench noted that majority of the members of the association have not raised any grievances on these issues.

Noticing that terms of consensual agreement remained identical over the last several years, the Bench said that it cannot be inferred that there is an element of discrimination or arbitrariness merely on the basis that some other colleges received slightly higher seats in NRI and management quotas than the seats allotted to the petitioner-colleges this year.

"From the perusal of the relevant extract of the seat matrix, it transpires that petitioners were given more seats in NRI as well as management quota in earlier academic years," the Bench observed while noticing that seats under different categories are allotted to the educational institutions every year on rotation basis.

Fee fixation

The Bench also declined petitioners' plea to direct the government to set up fee regulation committee as per the law and fix fee for the academic year 2022-23 through such committee.

However, with view to mitigate the grievances of the members of the association, the Bench observed, "We hope and trust that the State government shall advert to the need of fixation of fee as mandated under Section 6 and 7 of the 2006 Act as under these provisions affixation of fee has an element of adjudication."

Puneeth's eye donation inspired over 85,000 to pledge eyes over a year

2,250 eyes collected so far. The numbers are higher than the pre-COVID period and are increasing day by day; those who wish to pledge their eyes can register by giving a missed call to 8884018800

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Huge cutouts of late Sandalwood superstar Puneeth Rajkumar, displayed outside Dr. Rajkumar Samadhi Park, on Outer Ring Road, ahead of the first death anniversary of the actor, in Bengaluru. K. MURALI KUMAR

Eye donation and pledging in Karnataka got a big boost in the last year following Kannada actor Puneeth Rajkumar's donation that gave the gift of sight to four people.

Narayana Nethralaya, that runs the Dr. Rajkumar Eye Bank, recorded a huge spike, receiving over 85,000 eye pledges since the late actor's eye donation on October 29 last year.

"We have collected 2,250 eyes since October last year of which only 96 were before the late actor's donation. The numbers are higher than the pre-COVID-19 period and are increasing day by day. Before the pandemic, annual eye collection ranged between 1,200 to 1,500," K Bhujang Shetty, chairman and managing director of Narayana Nethralaya, told *The Hindu* on Saturday.

"While we had seen a total of around 65,000 pledges in the 28 years of the eye bank's existence, a whopping 85,000 pledges have been recorded in the last one year alone since Puneeth's demise. Over 80% of these pledges are online through our missed call facility. We have launched an exclusive number - 8884018800 - through which people who wish to pledge their eyes can register their names," the doctor said.

Following in the footsteps of his father Dr. Rajkumar, the family of Puneeth Rajkumar donated his eyes on the day of his demise. Soon after he was declared dead, Puneeth Rajkumar's brother Raghavendra called Dr. Rajkumar Eye Bank to collect the actor's eyes. Dr. Rajkumar had pledged the eyes of his entire family during the inaugural function of the eye bank in 1994.

Limbal stem cells

The late actor's eye donation may also help many regain their vision in the future.

Dr Shetty said the limbal stem cells have been cultured and preserved to treat people with limbal stem cell deficiency who may lose vision due to eye injuries such as cracker burns, chemical and acid burns. The hospital has not yet found an eligible recipient.

"Usually, two corneas from a deceased individual are transplanted into two corneal blind patients. But, we went out of our way to use Puneeth's corneal tissues to the maximum to help four patients to honour the contributions made by his family," Dr. Shetty explained. "The corneas were sliced and transplanted in four corneal blind patients by separating the superior and deeper layers of the cornea. While the superior layer was transplanted in two patients, who had superficial corneal disease, the deeper layer was transplanted in patients with endothelial or deep corneal layer disease."

Demand-supply gap

Dr. Shetty said there is a huge demand-supply gap in eye donations. "Corneal blindness can be treated only through transplantation from eye donations as there is no substitute for human tissue. Although an average of 57,000 eyes are collected across India annually, there are approximately 15 lakh corneal blind people who are in need of transplant in the country," he said.

According to the National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment, nearly 20,000 people are detected with corneal blindness every year. "In Bengaluru alone, there are close to 300-400 deaths per day but out of these, less than eight eyes are collected," the doctor said.

Leopard sighted again

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A leopard was spotted on the northern end of the Brindavan Gardens adjoining the Krishnaraja Sagar reservoir forcing the authorities to keep the famed tourist spot out of bounds for visitors on Saturday.

The leopard was spotted in the Horticulture Department farm near the northern gardens close to the musical fountains at 6 p.m. on Friday. It was sighted on the CCTV surveillance camera by the security guards manning the dam and the gardens, who alerted the authorities following which the tourists in the northern gardens were cleared off.

The Forest Department personnel combed the area and placed a cage hoping that they could trap the spotted cat but to no avail. In the meantime, Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Ltd. (CNNL) decided to close the Brindavan Gardens for tourists on Saturday. It was yet to be decided whether to reopen the gardens for tourists on Sunday. This is the second time that the gardens had to be shut for tourists due to the leopard scare during the week. A similar sighting last Saturday had resulted in the Brindavan Gardens remaining closed for tourists though it was reopened on Sunday.

Meeting held to resolve issues related to taxi aggregators

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As per the directions of the Karnataka High Court, the Transport Department, on Saturday, held a stakeholders meeting to resolve issues related to taxi aggregators providing auto services.

In the meeting, representatives of Ola, Uber and Rapido, auto rickshaw union and others participated.

An official of the Transport Department said that during the meeting, representatives demanded the department to allow them to charge dynamic pricing, collect convenience fee and other charges from the passengers. Representatives of the auto unions alleged that the department held the consultation meeting without inviting various auto unions.

The department also came under attack for allowing aggregators to illegally offer bike services without following the rules. Representatives of conventional taxi operators demanded the department to formulate guidelines along the lines of the policy for the aggregators brought out by the Union government.

A senior official of the department said, "As per the court's direction, the stakeholders meeting was held to resolve issues related to fare fixation. A report will be submitted to the State government. As the matter is before the Court, the decision taken at the level of the government will be informed to the court."

Timings
BENGALURU

SUNDAY, OCT. 30		
RISE	06:13	SET 17:54
RISE	10:57	SET 22:30
MONDAY, OCT. 31		
RISE	06:13	SET 17:54
RISE	11:58	SET 23:34
TUESDAY, NOV. 01		
RISE	06:13	SET 17:53
RISE	12:53	SET 00:00

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	23
Mysuru	32	20
Bengaluru	27	19

Bengaluru Today
29°C The weather will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of moderate rain or thundershower is likely.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C A comfortable but humid weather to continue. Night remains cool. Spell of rain and thundershower to occur.

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WANTED GROOM for Hindu Mudaliar girl. Fair, slim. 150 cms. B.E Computer Science. Tech lead in MNC. Seeks Chennai based tech qualified boy with good family background with own house & annual income over 15 Lacs. Contact: 9500006243

AD 27/160 Doctor, working seeks well settled edu tamil fmly Groom blw 31yrs Doctor/ Engg/Govt officer.9444220872

MUDALIAR: 23/165, Fair & Beautiful, B.E,MBA,Father Business, Chennai, Only Daughter, lite Family– Seeks Groom– Business / Eng – 8925019776

BRAHMIN GIRL 27Yrs Bharadhwaja Vathima M.com Professor Thiruvonam Magara Rasi Chennai.Subsect NoBar. Seeks Suitable Bridegroom. 9003136593

Iyer Bride 42 Swati Vadoolam Educated in Arts Financially well off seeks Life partner in Age group 40s with broad Outlook Good Education Finance background please respond whatsapp 98410 26998.

PALAKKAD IYER Widow 62 years good looking retd banker seeks decent brahmin groom below 65 years. Ph-9840330531/ sundrophues@gmail.com

VADAKALAI KOUNDINYAM Anusham September 1994, 165 cm BE(ECE) unemployed only daughter both parents Govt pensioners seeks professionaly qualfd well emplyd groom with clean habits.Age Diff: 1-3 years. Contact number: 77084 17184

GROOM WANTED
Christian RC, Kamma Naidu, Fair, Good Looking Bride, 24 years/ 170cm, MBBS, Well Settled Family in Chennai. Looking for a Caring Groom, 25 to 29 years, Doctor / CA / Engg, Settled in Chennai. Contact / WhatsApp
73583 34190

ROMAN Catholic, Mudaliyar, Spinster 36yrs well employed-reputed company seeks suitable groom preferably from same community. Ct: 87544 63609

HINDU Nadar Girl, age 28, Ht 168 cms, M.E, Asst. Professor, Upper middle class seeks equally qualified boy, well settled. Contact: 9626515511

TAMIL

Hindu 45, Remarriage (Short lived- one month) Chennai based beautiful very fair tall propertied home loving MBA Gemologist Girl from an affluent industrial family seeking for a Fair Qualified Groom with clean habits, Non vegetarian. Caste no bar.
Ct : Geetham - 9884858014

GROOM WANTED
R.C (Nadar)
27 yrs B.Com.,MBA., AFFLUENT BUSINESS FAMILY BRIDE SEEKS WELL QUALIFIED, AFFLUENT R.C (Nadar) GROOM
98414 86422

HINDU AD 28 Yrs,160 cm, Fair, Tamil, BE MBA (IIM) working for a large ECommerce firm in Bengaluru (22 L pa), seeks suitable, well–qualified, good–looking groom with clean habits. CNB. 9443102921/ 9625845991.

BRIDES WANTED

COMPUTER / INFO.TECH

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COSMOPOLITAN

MUSLIM BOY First Marriage Age 39,Height 175cm (5-10) Colour fair,Education BE Civil Job: Construction,place kerala,Thrissur Parents Pls Contact - 8943 900020

HINDU TAMIL 29/5ft 10inch, GM of Sportswear co, Bangalore 22L/PA. Affluent family seeks well qualified girl. Language/CNB 6366467911

DIVORCEE

66 YEAR old well settled widower invites proposal from divorcee/widows aged between 60 to 65 years. contact 7418529431.

DOCTOR

TAMIL MUSLIM, MBBS, 25/174cm, Fair, Own clinic at Tirunelveli seeks suitable Doctor Bride. Ct: 95975 19637

TAMIL CSI Christian 31/185 MD seeks suitable bride of the same profession. CT 9489590569

MUSLIM, MDS, Bachelor seeks professionals between 37-47. Whatsapp Biodata. 8075479568.

ENGINEER

TAMIL HINDU Nadar, Mumbai, Industrialist, B.Tech, 28/180, Fair, Athletic seeks Engineer Bride. 9326750083

ENGLISH

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TAMIL

RC CHRISTIAN, 1973/165, MA, MBA, Asst.Man.Govt. 90K/PM divorce Chennai seeks suitable bride (CNB) Ct: 8148842983

TAMIL MUSLIM Ravuthar BE, 28, Working in MNC, Seeks Bride with religious background, non working, Educated, Well settled family in Chennai.9841128090/ 7397496196/ Mail : mdfazil2017@outlook.com

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MUDALIAR 36/174 BE MS US Krithigai seeks B.Tech Chennai brides Mudaliar only. Ct Geetham 9884858014

HINDU DEVENDIRA Kula Vellalar M.E., 28/167 Asst. Engg. in PWD seeks Suitable Bride 8248195168, 8667380725

TIRUNELVELI SAIVA Pillai, 28/164, Uthirattathi,SW Engr, Accenture, chennai,14LPA, only son of Retd Principal affluent family, having left hand slightly short seeks suitable bride from same caste ct:9442957552

TAMIL HINDU, Maruthuvar, 43yrs/ 172cm, M.E., State Govt, Mutual Divorcee without issue seeks unmarried / Divorcee / Widow without issue, preferably below 32 yrs. Caste no bar. email: mithun36m@gmail.com

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Iyer Brahacharanam, Age, 33/163, Software, Hyd, Income 19.5 p.a. own house, seeks Brahmin Bride, subsect no bar, Email: grajk03@gmail.com Contact : 9652799101 / 8309776289.

TAMIL

THENGALAI IYENGAR Srivatsam, Visakam 37Yrs, BE, Working in MNC, Chennai. Seeks Graduate Bride. Kalai No Bar. Ct: 9884751601

SOZHIIAVELALAR (BC). Male. 41 Remarriage. Private Sector 50K.PM. Own House ChennaiWanted bride 8667415520

HINDU SC AD 40/165 B.Com PGDM Govt Bank Chennai 9L PA Seeks Bride from Any Subsect/Caste NoBar 9884030032

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HINDU KONGU Vellala Gounder 35/ 183 Sadayam, MBA, Job & Business 30L pa working Chennai upper middle class. Suitable girl any BC & OBC. Degree Accept.Whatsapp:9360323979

SC MAGARAM, Uthiradam, age 41, Fresher BE, private company 45000/ pm own house Contact: 9843753844

MUDALIAR 30/175, Handsome, B.E, SWE, Infosys, 1300000.PA, Affluent Family, CNB. 7299576644, 7299576666

TECH PROFESSIONAL Fair 42yr Unmarried 166 cms seeks 34+ Preferable Unmarried, Good Looking Homely/ Working Girl, Good to Live with Parents In–law in Chennai Caste No Bar – 9080943947

HINDU NADAR 26, 172cm, BE, Income 5,00,000/–PM. Own Business in London Seeks Suitable Bride – 93807 91999

MUDALIAR (CNB) 29/Handsome BE,MS (USA) Program Manager, APPLE, USA, 200000 USD PA, Only son Elite Family Seeks Bride Abroad/India 8939012419

(MUDALIAR + Chettiar) : 29 /Handsome, MBBS, Preparing for PG, Chennai, Elite Family – Seeks Bride Caste No Bar, Doctor / Eng – 7904843375

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TAMIL, HINDU, April 1994 born, Doctor Groom, 175cm, pursuing fellowship in Nephrology in Mayo Clinic Minnesota. Parents settled in Chennai. **Seeking Bride - Doctor / Engineer / other professionals** working / pursuing higher studies in USA. CNB. **9840898509, 9500029011, 9952909232**

TAMIL

TAMIL IYENGAR Bride for 30/175 BE MS MNC Bengaluru Srivatsa Gothram Pooram Vadakalai. 9449828828.

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BALIJA NAIDU Fair Boy/1986/182 CM/MS Working in USA. Well Settled Family. Seeks Suitable Good Family BRIDE.Contact:94410 80676.

NAIDU 29/168CM BE Civil 9L PA @MNC Mesha Rasi,Kritika, W. Mambalam,Chennai Seeks Suitable Bride 9840182449

BALIJA 28/180 cms, Magam, Simma Raasi/ BE/ M.S (Ger) working in Germany 42Lpa. Financially Sound. Seeks Suitable Qualified Bride–Sub Sects No Bar. Ct: 9442623203 / 9442838203

BALIJA NAIDU First Marriage Teetotaler 42/5ft 10inch B.E, M.Tech, Manager–MNC, Bangalore 30LPA, Affluent & Well Settled Family, Seeks Never Married Bride, Ct: Whatsapp: 9632258245

BRIDE WANTED
Naidu, 32/5'10", teetotaler Magham, B.Arch, Architect / Business, Chennai, Affluent, and Well settled family. Seeks Good looking Bride from Affluent, Decent and Cultured family. Caste no Bar
Ct: 98848 76246

BRIDE WANTED
A Big Business Family in Chennai Seeks Alliance for their only Son Telugu Naidu - kappu, 5.9',Uthrattathi Meenam,Age 24,MBA,Fair ,handsome Seeks alliance from Business family only Located in Tamilnadu, Bride should be below 23 yrs (Subsect Ok) only direct Parents cont,No Mediators
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URDU

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URDU MUSLIM Coimbatore based parents seek alliance for Son B.Tech, MS (USA) 29yrs / 174 cms settled in US, seeks Urdu / Tamil bride Studying/ Working in US or BE Computer Science Graduates willing to Study and Settle in US. Contact: 89408 53987.

BRIDES & GROOMS WANTED

TAMIL

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24 MANAI TELUGU CHETTIAR, 26, 185 cms, Doctor, MD. Lives in Chennai. Father is an affluent Businessman with a good net worth. Looking for a well educated match from any Brahmin community in India. Contact: 6366448345

YADAV, 27, 178 cms, Medical Professional, MBBS. Lives in Chennai. Father is a Government Employee. Family is financially well off with a good net worth. Looking for a compatible match. Contact: 6366448343

KONGU VELLALA GOUNDER, 34, 178 cms, Management Professional, MBA. Lives in Delhi. Father is an affluent Businessman with a good net worth. Looking for a like minded match from any equal community. Contact: 6366448343

CHRISTIAN, 26, 175 cms, Product Manager, B.Tech. Lives in Coimbatore. Parents are working professionals. Family is affluent with a good net worth. Looking for an affable match. Contact: 6366448344

ELITE GROOMS WANTED

BRAHMIN, 32, 170 cms, Management Professional, MBA. Lives in Chennai. Father is a Businessman and Mother is a Central Govt Employee. Looking for a suitable match from any Brahmin community. Contact: 6366448343

BRAHMIN, 30, 155 cms, Medical Professional, Masters in Medicine. Lives in Gurgaon. Parents are working professionals. Looking for a like minded and well educated match from any South Indian Brahmin community. Contact: 6366448343

LINGAYATH, 26, 173 cms, Post graduate, from a Bangalore based high profile family with a very good net worth. Looking for an amiable match from the same community in Bangalore. Contact: 6366448346

CHRISTAIN, 25, 150 cms, Entrepreneur, MBA. Lives in Mumbai. Family is a Businessman. Family is affluent with a good net worth. Looking for a compatible match from same community. Contact: 6366448344

CHRISTIAN, 26, 152 cms, Media Professional, BA. Lives in Abu Dhabi. Father is an affluent Businessman with a good net worth. Looking for an amiable match from same community from USA/Canada. Contact: 6366448344

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TAMIL

HINDU MUDALIAR 25 yrs good looking BE(CSE) MBA employed at ICICI Bank divorced (within a month) well settled family in Chennai) seeks suitable bridegroom preferred from Chettiyar, Naidu background. Contact number: 99419 03482

TELUGU

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URDU

URDU MUSLIM Labbai 30yrs/150cm, B.E Software Engineer/1.3 lakh PM. Seeks B.E, M.E, Engineer Groom KA & TN State Only. Ct : 94447 38598.

SEEKS SUITABLE Groom from educated and respectable family, aged between 28 to 31 years for Sunni Muslim girl, age 28/165cm, MS Computer Science graduate, employed in Seattle under HIB visa. Ct :9940656299

DOCTOR

VANNIYAR BOY 27/177 MDS Middle Class Asst.Prof, Seeks Dental/ Physiotherapy Bride. 9789859565, 9710330967

HINDU, SC, Ad, 39 Doctor (Anaesthetist) well settled in Chennai seeks a doctor bride. CNB. Contact: 9499956876.

MARATHI

MADHWA DESISTHA Marathi speaking 32/ Gautama/ Krithika/ Microsoft, BGL, 12L p.a.Ct: 7395892485

SAURASTRA

SAURASTRA, 37, 1st Marriage, Astham Kanni, MBA, Manager, Chennai. 1L PM, BC Bride Wanted. 9381725577

SITUATIONS VACANT

GENERAL

CHENNAI PORT AUTHORITY NO.1 RAJAJI SALAI, CHENNAI – 600 001.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR EMPANELMENT OF INQUIRY OFFICER

File No. A2/7188/2021/GA

Chennai Port Authority, an autonomous body under the MoPS&W, GoI, invites applications from eligible retired officers of Major Ports/Central Govt/Central Autonomous Body/Central PSU, preferably at the level of Dy.HODs and above of Major Ports and equivalent and having experience or knowledge of conducting inquiry proceedings as Inquiry officer. For full details regarding tenure, remuneration etc, please visit our website viz. www.chennaiport.gov.in Last date for receipt of applications is 13.12.2022.

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No.KFD/HOFF/B10(TND)/5/2022-ICT-KFD Date:27.10.2022

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) **requires Toners, Cartridges and Drum kits and other consumable for Printers and Copiers to the O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force).** A Short-term e-tender No.FD/2022-23/IND1994 Dated:27.10.2022 has been published on e-Procurement portal and the same can be accessed through **https://eproc.karantaka.gov.in** Interested bidders may download the detailed tender Notification from the e-Procurement website. The last date for submission of Tender is **12.11.2022, 5.30 PM.** The Technical bid will be opened on **14.11.2022, 11.30 AM** and Financial bid will be opened after **16.11.2022, 11.30 AM.**

Sd/- Chief Conservator of Forests
(Information Communication Technology)
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Karnataka Public works Department.

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Invitation For Tenders (IFT) KW. 3 & 4 e-TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Government of Karnataka tenders are invited in Two cover system for Class-3 & above Contractors registered in PWD for 05 work under 5054- SCP amd 5054-Appendix-E Head of accounts in the jurisidiction of Tumkur Division through e-procurement. The dates are published as below . (Max Amount Put to Tender Rs. 187.32 Lakhs, Min Amount Put to Tender Rs.50.80 Lakhs, Max EMD Amt Rs. 2,81,000/-, Min EMD Amt Rs.1,01,700/-)

1. Last date for tender information enqueries: **09.11.2022** : 16.00 2. Last date for submission of tender. : **10.11.2022** : 16.00 3. Date of opening the Technical bid. : **14.11.2022** : 16.30 4. Date of opening the Financial bid. : **16.11.2022 :** 11.00

Note: Turnover Certificate without UDI Number will not be considered.

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
PWD DIVISION, TUMKUR.
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Website:www.lakmeshwaratown.gov.in **Fax no**:08487-272916
No:TMC/Eng.Sec/15TH FINANCE/E-Tender/2022-23 Date:29.10.2022

Short time E-PROCUREMENT NOTIFICATION

The Town Municipal Council Laxmeshwar of Gadag District Karnataka, Invites tenders from eligible tenderers as per Rule 28 of the KTPP act, 2000 for the following work taken up under "Implementation of Road works 15th Finance General Basic Grant 2022-23 work Indent No: DMA/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT139011 The works Total estimate Amount of works 68.80 Lakhs "

The bid document is available online bidders can view and download the bid document from **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eprocurement/common/eproc tenders list.seam**

1)The Last Date and Time for Tender Queries/Clarification D:10-11-2022 Time 11:00 AM, **2)** The Last Date and Time for receipt of Tender D:14-11-2022 Time 16:00 PM, **3)** The Last Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid D:15-11-2022 Time 16:30 PM, **4)** The Last Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid D:17-11-2022 Time 11:00 AM.

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No. 29023/KSMCL/STS/GT/7/2022 Date: 29.10.2022

e-TENDER INVITATION

KSMCL invites e-Tender for selection of agency for Electrical Power Line Extension to an extent of 30KW at IOD Sandur as follows: Electrical Power Line **No.29023/KSMCL/STS/GT/7/2022/2055 Date: 29.10.2022.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: a) Last date and time for submission of Tender document : **15th Nov -2022 upto 5.00 p.m.** b) Date and Time of opening of Technical Bid: **17th Nov- 2022 at 11.00 a.m.** c) EMD : **Rs.15,000/-** for tender

The e-Tender document can be downloaded from e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Contact e-procurement help desk: **No.080-46010000 / 68948777, email:support@eprochelpdesk.com** for any support in uploading and registration.

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Admission for Research Scholars Program – I – 2023 (RSP – I – 2023)

The Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad, invites applications from highly motivated candidates for admission to its Research Scholars Program. Keeping in view the interdisciplinary nature of modern biology, we especially encourage persons from diverse backgrounds to apply. Those admitted as Research Scholars would be encouraged to register under the Ph. D. program of Manipal Academy of Higher Education or Regional Centre for Biotechnology.

Eligibility Criteria:

To be eligible a candidate must have:

1. A Master's degree in any branch of Science, Technology, or Agriculture from a recognized University/ Institute OR MBBS.
2. Qualified for a Junior Research Fellowship from CSIR / UGC / DBT/ICMR / INSPIRE/JEST/UGC - RGNF or any other similar examination with fellowship.

*Candidates having qualified for Project-JRF under the ICMR funded project Scheme [which is only for a period of two years] OR DBT JRF NET with a B.Tech. [Biotechnology] degree OR DBT JRF NET under DBT-B category list OR LS-NET qualification only in CSIR-UGC (NET) examination are **NOT** eligible to apply.*

Selection Procedure:

Admission to the CDFD-Research Scholars program will be based on an **interview via video conference scheduled to be held** in **late January / early February, 2023.** The candidates should be available for more than one round of interviews, spread over a week, if needed.

Interested candidates who fulfill the above conditions may register their names for **RSP-I-2023** by applying in the prescribed application form **online.** The link for the application form is available at **http://cdfd.org.in/rsp/**

The Online facility of application will be closed on **December 14, 2022.**

Director, CDFD reserves the right to accept / reject any or all applications.

Visit http://cdfd.org.in/rsp/ for detailed advertisement and general terms & conditions.

GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA
(Karnataka Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION KALABURAGI-585105

Phone No: 08472-278634 Email:eerwssglb14@gmail.com
No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2022-23/1931 Dated : 28-10-2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurment system only

1) Name of work: Chincholi-15 (Indent 48320, 48319, 48318, 48317, 48979, 46129, 48990, 48988, 48987, 48985, 48983, 48992, 48991, 48982 & 48978) Chittapur-1 (Indent 48980) Aland-03 (Indent 49344, 49215 & 49345 Afzalapur-07 (Indent 49348, 49347, 44811, 49360, 49359, 49358 & 46126) Jewargi 04 (46122, 46125, 48317, 44876) Kalaburagi-05 (49347, 49093, 49341, 49343 , 49342), 2) Head of A/C: **JJM 2021-22 & 22-23**, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class- II & above, 4) Tender Amount: **Min 1,00,00,001/-, Max 2,50,00,000/-,** 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document: **28-10-2022**, 6) Cost of tender form and EMD: As per E-portal, 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal: **14-11-2022 4.00 pm**, 8) Pre bid Meeting Date: **10-11-2022 11.00 am,** 9) Opening of Techincal Bid : **15-11-2022 4.01 pm**, 10) Opening of Financial Bid : **18-11-2022 11:00 am**, 11) Address for any clarification reg.tender: Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIP/Kalaburagi/778/MC&A/2022-23 **RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi**

Government of Karnataka
(Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Department)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga

No: EE/RWSS/Dvn/SMG/JE/JJM/E-Proc/2022-23/1551 Date : 28.10 .2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka and as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Rules 2000, tenders are invited to undertake the following works under Jal Jeevan Mission in the limits of Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Shivamogga.

Indent Nos.: (1) 41867 (2) 42600 (3) 42954 (4) 40578 CALL 2 (5) 41859 CALL 2 (6) 42491 CALL 3 (7) 41951 CALL 3 (8) 36214 CALL 4 (9) 36211 CALL 5 (10) 36263 CALL 3 (11) 37013 CALL 3 (12) 39092 CALL 3 (13) 41952 (14) 42689 CALL 2 (15) 42699 CALL 2 (16) 42718 CALL 2 (17) 42722 CALL 2 (18) 43470 CALL 2 (19) 43474 CALL 2 (20) 43475 CALL 2 (21) 43476 CALL 2 (22) 43478 CALL 2 (23) 43479 CALL 2 (24) 43480 CALL 2 (25) 42932 CALL 2 (26) 42453 CALL 2 (27) 43011

Tender details, conditions and corrigendum or changes are available in website https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Eligible bidders shall submit their bid and documents through above e-portal only.

Few conditions of the tender :

(1) The last date for receipt of tenders from contractors : **02.11.2022 & 10.11.2022 at 5.30 P M.** (2) Date of Opening of Single Cover Financial bid : **04.11.2022 & 12.11.2022 at 11.30 A M** (3) Date of opening of Double Cover Technical bid : **04.11.2022 & 12.11.2022 at 11.30 A M.** (4) Date of opening of Double Cover Financial bid : **06.11.2022 & 14.11.2022 at 11.30 A M.** (5) Specified time period for completion of works : **Single cover : 3 months (90 days) Double cover : 6 months (180 days)**

sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/SMG/No.154-10 zenkar/2022-23 **Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Shivamogga**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No. KPCL/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT 12728/CALL-3 Date: 29.10.2022

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tender invited through e-procurement portal from agencies for the work of **Design, supply, retrofitting, testing & commissioning of 3200A, Breakers and 3200A bus duct with Numerical protection Relay for Unit # 1 & 2 AHP Dry system** from reputed firms/ organisations/ contractors. Last date for receipt of tenders: **14.11.2022 upto 17.00 Hrs.** For more details please visit website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (OLA)E**, KPCL, RTPS, Shaktinagar - 584170, Raichur Dist. Mobile: 94495 96537. e-mail: eeolaertpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in or eeolartps@gmail.com

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.:506/BGM/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/C/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/F-6267-77 Date: 28.10.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids against this office tender indent Number.

1) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT 9635/CALL-2 Tender for the work of Transportation (To & Fro), Repair of Sick Power Transformer and Testing, Assembling, Erection and Commissioning of repaired power transformer of rating 20MVA, 110/33-11kV Class, Spec-Make, Sl.No.42896, Year of manufacture-2011 Power Transformer failed at 110kV S/S M K Hubli in TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Belagavi and Laying at SRS Huballi on Total Turnkey Basis on Percentage Tender Basis.

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the e-procurement mode can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **4:00pm** on **31.10.2022.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.),
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Neharu Nagara, Belagavi

ZOO AUTHORITY OF KARNATAKA
Office of The Executive Director & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapur

HosapeteTq Vijayanagar Dist, Karnataka State.
Email: eddcfabvzp81@gmail.com Tel No: 08394-295289
Tender No: ABVZP/Beef/Tender/CR/117/2022-23
Dated: 28.10.2022

ITEMWISE TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Member Secretary, Executive Director and Deputy Conservator of Forest Department of Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) has published item wise Tender notification for **Supply of Fresh, Cleaned Beef** at Sri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapur Conditions & regulations.

Indent No: ZAK/2022-23/IND440. **Estimated Cost (in Rupees):** Rs. 62,05,966.00. **EMD (in Rupees):** Rs. 6,20,597.00.

Tender shall be submitted in e-procurement portal (https://eproc.Karnataka.gov.in (Dept.selection: Zoo Authority) last date for submission of tender is **18-11-2022** within **5.30 PM**. Opening of Technical bid on **21-11-2022** at **11.30 AM** and Financial bid on **22-11-2022** at **11.30 AM** Respectively.

More details can be obtained from the office of the under signed during office hours. Any amendment of modifications in tender notification will be published on e-procurement portal.

SD/- Executive Director & Deputy Conservator of Forest, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park Kamalapur, Hospet Tq, Vijayanagar Dist.
DIPR/Vijayanagar/212/MCA/2022-23

District Health and Family Welfare Society

National Health Mission
District Health and Family Welfare officer Office
Mysuru District,Mysuru
Email: dhomysuru@gmail.com Tel No:0821-2443178
No:DSU/CPHC-UHC/MY/84/2022-23 Date: 28.10.2022

Notification

Applications call for selection of Community Health Officer (CHO) on Contract Basis.

National Health Mission, Karnataka invites applications from graduated Nurse candidates (**BSc Nursing/Post Basic B.Sc Nursing**) for 13 posts of CHOs at Health Wellness Centres,of Mysuru district (High Priority Districts (HPD) at Salary of Rs.24,200/- per month and for Non-High priority districts (Non-HPDs) **at** Rs.22000/- per month) + Incentives up to Rs.8000/- (based on performance) per month working under Mysuru, District Health and Family Welfare Society.

Application to be submitted in: Online Only
Start of online registration system: 27.10.2022 Last date of submission of online application form: 08.11.2022 Time 5:00pm. Online Examination: 19.11.2022

For further details logon to: https://karunadu.karnataka.gov.in/hfw

Note: Any corrigendum(s) / clarifications to the recruitment shall be published on the above website

Sd/- District Health and Family Welfare officer,
DIPR/DDMYS/MCA/607/2022-23 **Mysuru District, Mysuru.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Bapugouda Patil, S/o Annasaheb. B. Patil,** aged about 52 years, residing at California, USA is owner of residential flat No-GF-1, Municipal No-39/1, PID No-18-7-39/1, BBMP Ward No-18 acquired under a registered Absolute Sale Deed dated 26-08-2003 vide registered as document No-RJN-1-03477, Stored in CD No-RJND9 of Book-I dated 26-08-2003 in the office of the Senior Sub Registrar, Rajajinagar from R. Ram Mohan which is more-fully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as "SCHEDULE PROPERTY".

The owner represents that he is the absolute owner of the schedule property and has lost the original title deeds namely, Absolute Sale deed dated 26-08-2003 and General Power of Attorney executed by him infavour of Shivakumar. A police compliant before the Rajajinagar police station on13.09.2022 is lodged. It is further reported that he has not mortgaged the above said documents for availing loan to any Bank, Financial Institutions, Housing Finance Company or any other private money lender etc., in any manner, whatsoever and no charge has been created on the above mentioned lost/misplaced document and that the schedule property is free from all encumbrances.

Hence it is requested to the public if the said original documents/deeds are found, may kindly return the same and may be informed and contact the below address. If anyone has any objection in this regard may lodge their objections /claims with documentary evidence within 7 days from the date of publication to the undersigned. If any person/s misuses the said documents, the same is not binding on my client and they shall do so at their own risk.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **THREE BHK** residential Apartment bearing No-**GF-1, Municipal No-39/1, PID No-18-7-39/1, BBMP Ward-18, Kamakhsipalya, Bengaluru** and the residential apartment complex known as "**Raksha View Temple"** constructed over Site bearing No-39/1 carved out of land in **Sy. Nos-68/3, 69/1A2 and 69/1C of Saneguruvinahalli Village, Bangalore North Taluk**, formed by Asthagrama House Building Co-operative Society Limited and 1400 Square feet of Super Built up Area and 17.57% of Undivided share in the Site No-39/1 to the extent of 520 Sq. Ft along with one covered car parking and including proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use and apartment with the floors, ceiling and walls between apartments jointly belonging to such apartment owners equally constructed on the **Site No-39/1** and bounded on that:-

East by: **Road,** West by : **Road (formerly private property),** North by: **Road,** South by:**Site No-38.**

Sanjeevaraddi. B. N. Advocate,
No-132, "Tulasi Nilaya",10th Cross, 1st Main, Shankarnagar Mahalakshmi Layout, Bengaluru-560 086 **Mobile No**-9008499400

CHAMUNDESHWARI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Corporate Office, Procurement Section, CESC, Mysuru-570017.
Phone No.:9448994705 Website: www.cescmysore.org Email:gmpurc@cescmysore.org

No.CESC/GM(P)/DGM(P)/AGM (P-1)/2022-23/15308 Date: 28-10-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Portal Only)

CESC, Mysore invites Short Term Tenders from eligible bidders for supply of Materials, Goods, Services & works as mentioned below:

Re-conductoring works

Sl No	Sub-division	Particulars	Enquiry No/ Date
1	Saligrama Sub-Division	Re –Conducting /Replacement -Chikkanayakanahalli IP Feeder, Saligrama Section, Saligrama SD	C2-5354/27-10-2022
2	Bettadapura Sub-Division	Re –Conducting, Kelaganahalli Feeder -O & M Ravandur Section Bettadapura SD	C2-5355/27-10-2022
3	Piriyaptna Sub-Division	HT Re-Conductoring - Lama Camp IP feeder form Bylukoppa main Road to Thirumalapura Village limits, Bylukoppa Section Periyapatna SD	C2-5356/27-10-2022
4	Saligrama Sub-Division	HT Re-Conductoring -Bylapura IP Feeder Limit in Mirle section.	C2-5357/27-10-2022
5		HT Re-Conductoring -Bylapura IP Feeder Limit in Mirle section.	C2-5358/27-10-2022
6		Re-Conductoring, Bylapura IP Feeder Limit in Mirle section.	C2-5359/27-10-2022
7		Re-Conductoring, Gerdhada IP Feeder Limit in Bherya section.	C2-5360/27-10-2022
8	Bettadapura Sub-Division	Re-Conductoring of 11KV Meluru IP Feeder in kitturu O & M Section, Bettadapura SD	C2-5361/27-10-2022
9		Re-Conductoring of 11KV Bhoaganahalli Feeder in Ravanduru O & M Section .	C2-5362/27-10-2022
10		Re-Conductoring of 11KV line in Basalapura IP Feeder in Seeguru O & M Section, Bettadapura SD	C2-5363/27-10-2022
11	Bettadapura Sub-Division	Re-Conductoring of 11KV line in H.H Bagelu IP Feeder in Seeguru O & M Section, Bettadapura SD	C2-5364/27-10-2022
12		Estimate for R e-Conductoring of 11KV line in Barse IP Feeder in Seeguru O & M Section, Bettadapura SD	C2-5365/27-10-2022
13	K.R Nagara Sub-Division	Estimate for Re-Conductoring of 11KV Doranahalli feeder in Basavaraju Pura Section KR Nagara SD	C2-5366/27-10-2022

Carrying out Ganga Kalyana & Water Supply Works on Total Turnkey Basis

Sl No	Division	Sub-division	Enquiry No/ Date
1	Madduru	Malavalli Rural sub division	C2-5367/27-10-2022
2	Holenarasipura	Hangarahalli	C2-5368/27-10-2022
3		Arakalagudu	C2-5369/27-10-2022

Line Materials

1	Supply of No. 15 Strain Insulators to CESC		C2-5370/27-10-2022
2	Supply of No. 8 Strain Insulators to CESC		C2-5371/27-10-2022

Sl No	Sub-division	Nominclature of the work	Enquiry No / Date
1	Srirangapatna	Services repair & reconditioning of conventional type and 3, 4 star rated 25, 63, 100 kVA , 11kV class alluminium wound Distribution Transformers and conversion of sealed/CSP type transformers to conventional type buyback scheme at Taluk headquarters.	C2-5296/Call-2/ 09-09-2022
2	Belur		C2-5300/Call-2/ 09-09-2022

The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through e-procurement portal http//www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after **31-10-2022** For clarification contact help desk **080-46010000/22631200/68948777** or e-mail address **support@eprochelpdesk.com.**

For Electricity related complaints Call: 1912

Sd/- General Manager (Procurement), CESC, Mysuru.
DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/611/2022-23

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDARY AND VETERINARY SERVICES

Office of the Commissioner, Pashupalana Bhavana,
1st floor, Opp. to CBI Office, Bellary Road, Bengaluru-560024.
E-mail: commissionerahvs@gmail.com Ph No: 080-23412767

No: CAH:RKVY:Chaff Cutter:Tender:2022-23 Date: 29-10-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Mode Only)

The Commissioner of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore hereby invites tender through e-Procurement (Website: https//eproc.karnataka.gov.in) from eligible tenderers **for procurement of Chaff Cutter for the year 2022-23** for a period of Two year. Tendered Amount is Rs.964.00 lakhs.

Complete tender documents can be viewed by visiting **website No: https://epoc.karnataka.gov.in** from: **29-10-2022** and tenderers can upload all the necessary documents through e-procurement portal from **29-10-2022 to 28-11-2022 till 5.30pm.**

Further information can be obtained from e-procurement Portal and this office during office hours.

Sd/-
JOINT DIRECTOR,
EXTN,EDU,TRG & R.K.V.Y,. AND
DIPR/CP/2850 /2022-23 **MEMBER SECRETARY, TENDER INVITING COMMITTEE**
Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

SAD DEMISE

12-01-1949 - 29-10-2022
With profound grief, we convey the demise of
Shri. A. Prabhakar Rao
(Managing Director – CEC Flavours and Fragrances Pvt Ltd)
He was an inspiration to many. He is remembered for his warm generosity, great personality and life lived in service to humanity.
Deeply Mourned by:
Family Members, Friends & Relatives & CEC Employees
Contact: A. Appa Rao: +91 9344901820 & A. Sravan: +91 8667484607

DEATH ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. - Ephesians 4:2

Dr PREETHA ARUMAISINGH, MD, DGO
Rtd. CMO, Perambur Railway Hospital
23.01.1937 - 28.09.2022
Mourned by **Daughter, Son-in-law & Grandchildren.** Mob: 98413-32337

IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES

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INBRIEF

MSIL contributes ₹3 crore to Chief Minister's Relief Fund

Mysore Sales International Ltd. (MSIL) has donated ₹3 crore to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

According to an MSIL release, its chairman Hartal Halappa, MLA, and its managing director Vikash Kumar Vikash handed over a cheque for ₹3 crore to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday.

2 communities dropped from OBC list, included under ST

The Karnataka government on Saturday issued an order to drop Talawara and Parivara Nayaka from the list of other backward classes (OBC) list. The government has included the two communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes, and therefore, they have been dropped from the OBC list, stated the order.

In a U-turn, dept. now wants seven lessons dropped earlier to be taught this year

While this flip-flop has left teachers and students confused, the seven authors who had demanded that their lessons be dropped are unhappy with the government's move

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The Department of Public Instruction has made a U-turn and withdrawn its September 23, 2022 order that had directed schools not to teach lessons by seven authors from the academic year 2022-23. In its order dated October 28, it said that the schools should teach these lessons and consider them for exams as well for this academic year.

While this flip-flop has left teachers and students confused, the seven authors who had demanded that their lessons be dropped – Devanur Mahadeva, G. Ramakrishna, Roopa Hassan, Eerappa M. Kambali, Satish Kulkarni, Sukanya Maruti, and Doddahulluru Rukkojirao – are also unhappy with the government's move.

Permission withdrawn

They had earlier this year withdrawn permission to include their works in the revised textbooks, taking exception to "saffronisation" of textbooks under the Rohith Chakrathirtha-led committee, which had brought in, among others, a speech by RSS founder K.B. Hedgewar as a lesson in Class X Kannada textbook. The September 23 circular was following the withdrawal.

However, on October 14, B.C. Nagesh, Minister for School Education and Literacy, asked officials to continue the lessons for this academic year. Also, many parents demanded that the lessons be continued, resulting in the issual of another circular on October 28. The circular stated that it was not practical to drop the lessons in the middle of an academic year, and therefore, it would be continued only for this year.

Seven writers had withdrawn permission to include their works in the revised textbooks, taking exception to 'saffronisation' of textbooks under Rohith Chakrathirtha-led committee. FILE PHOTO

However, the writers are unhappy with the decision. Ms. Hassan, told *The Hindu*, "When we wrote to the department to drop our lesson from the revised school textbook earlier, the government had requested us to reconsider our decision. But we were very firm in our decision on withdrawing the permission. Then the government agreed to drop them. However, now, all of a sudden, they have asked schools to teach the same lessons. We are planning to serve legal notice to the department."

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>
> **ROOPA HASSAN,** author

Difficulties in teaching

The confusion over orders by the department has created difficulties to both teachers and students.

A teacher said, "Already the syllabus for high school students is heavy. Added to that, the department is changing its orders again and again, even as half the academic year is completed. We are confused about what to teach and what not to teach. This is going to affect the teaching-learning process."

Governors of Karnataka and Maharashtra to meet in Kolhapur on Nov. 4

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The meeting is set to discuss infrastructure and policing issues in the border districts

An informal inter-State meeting of Governors of Karnataka and Maharashtra has been convened to discuss infrastructure and policing in border districts, among others issues, on November 4.

The two States have historically often sparred over border and language issues.

The meeting comes after last couple of years of tension in the border districts during the tenure of Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government with its constituents the Shiva Sena and the NCP repeatedly broaching the border issues, including merger of Belagavi with Maharashtra.

Ministry's instructions

Under instructions from the Ministry of Home Affairs and advice by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Governors' conference, Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot is scheduled to meet Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari in Kolhapur.

Currently, while Karnataka is ruled by the BJP, the party is in coalition with a faction of the Shiva Sena headed by Eknath Shinde, who is also the Chief Minister, in Maharashtra.

Officials to be deputed

The State government has been asked by the Governor's office to depute senior officials of the border districts of Belagavi, Vijayapura, Kalaburagi, and Bidar to the meeting. The officials have been asked to prepare a brief presentation regarding issues specifically restricted to infrastructure, police, and security, and social and other subjects in inter-State border districts.

"If any serious issues are to be presented, the same may be included in the presentation under the intimation to the State government," a letter from the Governor's office to Chief Secretary Vandita Sharma stated.

It has also asked the presentation to be submitted to the Governor's office well in advance for the perusal of the Governor.

HDK slams Centre over SSC dropping regional languages in examination

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Attacking the BJP-led government at the Centre over the removal of Kannada from the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) examination to recruit constables, the former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Saturday said job opportunities were being snatched from Kannadigas.

"This is just another instance of the BJP's enthusiasm to kill regional languages," the former Chief Minister tweeted, attaching the recruitment notification issued by the SSC. "The recruitment process has allowed candidates to write only either in English or Hindi. What should candidates who speak languages other than English and Hindi do? Is this fair?"

The SSC has notified recruitment to fill constable posts in the Border Security Force, Indo-Tibetan Border Police, Central Industrial Security Force, Sashastra Seema Bal, Assam Rifles, Central Reserve Police Force, Secretariat Security Force, and Narcotic Control Bureau, among others, coming under the Ministry of Home Affairs, and the examination is scheduled in January 2023.

> This is just another instance of the BJP's enthusiasm to kill regional languages.
>
> **H.D. KUMARASWAMY,** Former Chief Minister

He said, "There is a conspiracy to ensure recruitment of only Hindi-speaking people. This is not only anti-Kannada, but also efforts to divide India into North and South. The BJP is only instigating such thoughts." Urging the Centre to withdraw the notification and come up with a fresh one by including eligibility for all languages, he said he would be forced to hold protests if it was not done.

'Only lip service'

Stating that the State government-sponsored Koti Kanta Gayana programme should just not remain a lip service, Mr. Kumaraswamy added, "Along with Koti Kanta Gayana, the lives of people should also be secured. Instead, should employment be snatched from Kannadigas? Should the right of Kannada be trampled upon? We need answers."

Cong. for judicial probe into 'cash for posting' allegation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The BJP government has not been ordering judicial probes into scams and is hushing up all bribe-related scandals fearing public backlash, says the Congress

The Opposition Congress on Saturday demanded a judicial probe into Municipal Administration Minister N. Nagaraju's (MTB) alleged talk in a video clip on payment of ₹70 lakh to ₹80 lakh for postings in the Police Department.

The Minister was heard speaking to a police officer that inspector Nandeesh, who died of a cardiac arrest on Thursday, was tense over the "₹70 lakh-₹80 lakh he paid" for the posting.

Range of bribe

Speaking at a press conference, KPCC working president and MLA Ramalinga Reddy and Krishna Byre Gowda, MLA, sought to know how much bribe is fixed for the postings of ACPs and DCPs if the inspector had to pay ₹70 lakh-₹80 lakh for a posting.

Corruption was rampant in all recruitments and postings of the government and the Karnataka State Contractors' Association had alleged 40% commission in the award of contract works, they pointed out.

No inquiry

The Congress MLAs said the government had not been ordering judicial probes into scams and was hushing up all bribe-related scandals fearing public backlash. The Congress during its rule had ordered a judicial probe into many cases to reveal the truth to the public, Mr. Gowda said.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who has threatened to expose corruption during the Congress government, should probe what led to the death of the suspended inspector. There were allegations of corruption in high places behind his death, they said.

"It is better to install a board in front of the Chief Minister's Office displaying the bribes to be paid for different postings," they said.

Suspended recently

Nandeesh, who was an inspector attached to K.R. Puram police station in Bengaluru, was recently suspended over allowing pubs in his jurisdiction to function beyond the deadline. Mr. Nagaraju visited his house on Thursday, when the conversation allegedly took place.

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Villagers threaten to approach HC over contaminated water

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

A few residents of Mudenur village in Belagavi district have threatened to approach the Karnataka High Court and the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) against what they called the apathy of officials that led to the contamination of drinking water in the village.

Five deaths in two districts

Two people have died due to gastroenteritis and over 110 people have been admitted to hospitals so far in the village in Ramadurg taluk. In a similar incident of water contamination in Hotapeth village in Shahpur taluk of Yadgir district, three people died and 39 suffered severe diarrhea and vomiting after drinking contaminated water last week.

Speaking of the Belagavi incident, community leader Govindraddi Jayannavar, and Yallappa Munavalli, Ramadurg-based advocate, told *The Hindu* that they plan to approach the High Court and write to the NHRC seeking their intervention.

"However, the government is yet to provide us with assured quality of drinking water. We have told the gram panchayat and other department officers that sewage was entering into water supply pipes. But they did not take any action. Even the pipes carrying water from the reverse osmosis (RO) plant are broken. There has been no action," Mr. Jayannanavar said.

"What is more, the district in-charge Minister, Govind Karjol, has given a piece of insensitive advice to villagers asking them to drink RO water. Does he not know that even that is contaminated?" he said.

Repairs in a week

Meanwhile, M.H. Heggannanavar, tahsildar, said officers had taken up the work of repairing the whole network of drinking water pipes in Ramdurg taluk. "The work will be completed in a week," he said.

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Tender notification No. 15/2022-23 Dt: 20.10.2022

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MLAs' poaching case: judges give conflicting orders

Marri Ramu
HYDERABAD

Justice B. Vijaysen Reddy of Telangana High Court on Saturday passed an interim order directing the Cyberabad police to defer further investigation into the case of attempts to poach four TRS MLAs, allegedly by the BJP.

A little before this order was passed, interestingly, another judge of the High Court, Justice Chillakur Sumalatha, had directed the three accused in the MLAs' poaching attempt case to surrender before Cyberabad Police Commissioner.

The two orders passed on the same day separately by the single judges, appeared to be conflicting one another.

Justice Vijaysen Reddy gave the direction in a writ petition filed by BJP seeking investigation into MLAs' poaching by either CBI or a Special Investigation Team.

However, the AAG brought to the notice of the judge that a single judge had already directed the accused to surrender before the police in the case and the order was in conflict with the one given by the other judge.

Justice B. Vijaysen Reddy in his order said that "...this court is not inclined to express any opinion on the matter, as the proceedings in MLAs' poaching case are not stayed, but investigation is deferred."

Cash gifts to scribes: Cong. demands judicial inquiry

Karnataka Congress demands Bommai's resignation; wants a case registered against him under Prevention of Corruption Act for allegedly offering journalists ₹1 lakh each for Deepavali

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Alleging that Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai tried to bribe a few journalists by offering them ₹1 lakh in cash on the occasion of Deepavali, the Congress on Saturday demanded his resignation and asserted that a case should be filed under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Even as the Congress demanded a judicial inquiry, Mr. Bommai has said that he was unaware of "cash" being given to journalists along with sweets for Deepavali.

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>
> **RANDEEP SURJEWALA**
> Congress leader

Rajya Sabha member and senior Congress leader Randeep Surjewala, who is the All India Congress Committee (AICC) incharge for Karnataka, however, called it a "bribegate" in which the Chief Minister was directly involved.

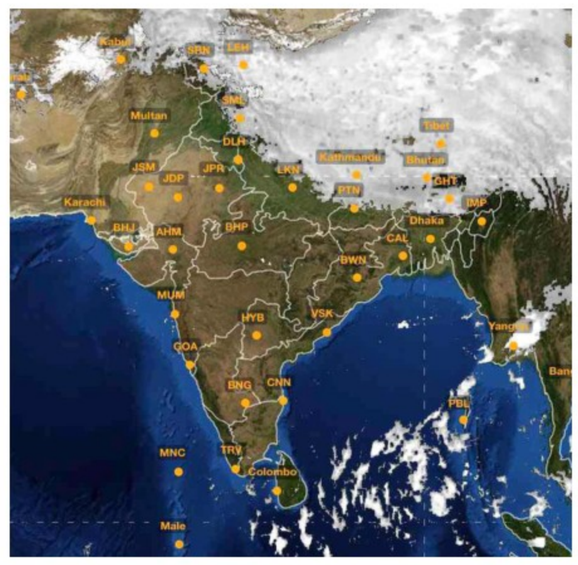
"The Bommai government's bribegate is now out in the open and this time the responsibility lies at the doorstep of the Chief Minister himself. This time, Mr. Bommai has surreptitiously, overtly and in a conspiratorial fashion tried to bribe the entire journalistic fraternity by sending ₹1 lakh cash to every journalist in Karnataka. Hats off to our journalist friends who openly exposed the bribegate," Mr. Surjewala told reporters.

"Where has the money come from? Was this ₹1 lakh withdrawn from the public exchequer and then put in a packet to be sent to journalists on Deepavali or has it come from your personal kitty?" he asked.

"CM Bommai has been caught red-handed in the bribery to journalists scam. A case of corruption under Prevention of Corruption Act for offering bribes has to be registered against Mr. Bommai and he has to resign immediately."

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Sunday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	32.0	20.2	Kozhikode	—	35.4	24.8
Ahmedabad	—	37.0	19.4	Kurnool	—	33.5	23.2
Aizawl	—	27.0	16.8	Lucknow	—	30.3	18.0
Allahabad	—	32.1	17.6	Madurai	—	32.0	22.7
Bengaluru	0.2	26.9	19.2	Mangaluru	—	33.6	23.5
Bhopal	—	—	15.6	Mumbai	—	34.4	20.4
Bhubaneswar	—	31.2	20.0	Mysuru	—	28.0	20.4
Chandigarh	—	30.9	15.1	New Delhi	—	31.8	15.6
Chennai	0.5	31.1	25.4	Patna	—	30.8	18.1
Coimbatore	—	29.0	22.2	Port Blair	0.4	29.8	25.8
Dehradun	—	27.3	15.4	Puducherry	68.3	26.7	22.0
Gangtok	—	19.9	11.7	Pune	—	30.2	14.8
Goa	—	33.6	22.4	Raipur	—	31.4	18.0
Guwahati	—	30.7	18.6	Ranchi	—	27.8	14.4
Hubballi	—	29.0	19.0	Shillong	—	25.3	11.8
Hyderabad	—	30.1	17.7	Shimla	—	20.5	10.4
Imphal	—	28.9	13.6	Srinagar	—	22.8	2.6
Jaipur	—	31.5	18.8	Thiruvananthapuram	11	31.1	22.8
Kochi	2	30.4	25.0	Tiruchi	—	29.5	23.6
Kohima	—	20.8	11.2	Vijayawada	—	31.2	24.0
Kolkata	—	30.8	20.3	Visakhapatnam	—	33.6	24.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

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CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
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Bengaluru	...7	..22	.73	...118	96	
Chennai	.16	..40	112	93	81	
Delhi	.21	152	.59	...399	...457	
Hyderabad	...2	..35	.41	...151	...130	
Kolkata	.16	..32	.21	...219	...140	
Lucknow	.16	..84	.77	...292	...207	
Mumbai	.13	159	.36	...219	...142	
Pune	...—	..14	.32	.....—	.....—	.....—
Visakhapatnam	.26	..37	.22	95	...107	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Faridabad, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 400 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Interim injunction against *Kantara* song

The Hindu Bureau
KOZHIKODE

The Kozhikode district sessions court has imposed an interim injunction order against using the song 'Varaha Roopam' in the Kannada movie *Kantara*.

The order comes in the wake of a petition filed by the Kerala-based Thaikkudam Bridge band alleging copyright violation. The order bans the makers of the movie, including the producer, director, and music director, besides OTT platforms, music channels, websites, and YouTube from using the song without the permission of the band. The order comes against the backdrop of an ongoing controversy that the song 'Varaha Roopam' was too similar to the popular number 'Navarasam' by the band. However, director of the movie Rishabh Shetty negated the allegations in Kochi recently, claiming that there was no violation of copyright. However, he admitted he was familiar with the song 'Navarasam' and was inspired by it.

BJP makes a U-turn on its bandh call in Coimbatore

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

The BJP has said the call for a bandh in Coimbatore for October 31 has been temporarily withdrawn.

The announcement comes after party State president K. Annamalai informed the Madras High Court that he had not called any bandh in Coimbatore.

BJP urban district president Balaji Uthamaramasamy said in a statement that close on the heels of the car blast on October 23, it was resolved to call a bandh for October 31.

Meanwhile, Mr. Annamalai urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah to order a probe into the blast by the National Investigation Agency (NIA). Subsequently, the NIA began an investigation.

Representatives of a section of trade and industry approached Mr. Annamalai with the plea that the bandh call be reconsidered, given the present economic situation. Mr. Annamalai spoke to the BJP district president, national executive committee member C.P. Radhakrishnan, Coimbatore South MLA Vanathi Srinivasan and treasurer S.R. Sekhar. Accepting the instructions from the State president, the district unit of the BJP decided to defer the proposed bandh, the statement said. Mr. Annamalai had said in a tweet that he, along with other BJP leaders, would worship at the Kottai Easwaran Temple (the blast took place nearby) on October 31 as a gesture of thanksgiving for saving the city.

After a delay, monsoon to hit coastal regions

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

After a delay of around 10 days, the northeast monsoon will hit coastal Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal and adjoining areas of south coastal Andhra Pradesh, the IMD has announced.

Kerala is likely to receive isolated heavy thundershower from Sunday. An yellow alert has been issued for Kollam, Idukki and Palakkad on Sunday.

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Bone Marrow Transplant Unit Inaugurated At SDM Hospital

A new bone marrow transplant unit was inaugurated at the Hematology Department of SDM Hospital on 18th October 2022 by D. Veerendra Heggade, Chancellor of SDM University.

Established in 2017, the Hematology department at the SDM Hospital now consists of 35 beds, including the bone transplant unit. Heggade appreciated the team, comprising Dr Girish Balikai, Dr Girish Kamat and Dr Deepak Goni, for their contributions to preventing blood cancer.

Further attendees at the inauguration included Dr Niranjan Kumar, vice chancellor of SDM University, Padmalatha Niranjan, executive director, Saketh Shetty, director of administration, Shri V Jeevandhar Kumar and Dr S K Joshi, pro-vice-chancellors, Dr Chidendra M Shettar, registrar, Shri V G Prabhu, finance officer, Dr Kiran Hegde, medical superintendent, and various heads of institutions.

International Case Conference at ABBS

Acharya Bangalore B-School (ABBS), in collaboration with the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), organised the International Case Conference 2022 on October 14 and 15, 2022. Complying with the theme, Redefining Pedagogy, the AICTE-sponsored conference concentrated on case-based teaching as a pedagogical approach that engages students in the process of making real-world decisions.

The two-day conference hosted academicians and eminent speakers from across the world. The conference was conducted in hybrid mode, with various panellists and participants connected to the institute internationally. The speakers included Dr Cynthia Menezes Prabhu, Professor and Dean of Canara Bank School of Management, Bengaluru University alongside Dr Debroah Y Cohn, Interim Dean of New York Institute of Technology, New York, Dr Anil Sahasrabudhe, Chairman of AICTE, New Delhi, Dr Easwaramoorthy, Provost from Amity Global University, Singapore, Dr Arockiasamy, Dean of the University of Nizwa, Oman and various other Chair members.

The speakers emphasised the importance of case-based teaching to enhance the learning experience by synthesizing, evaluating and applying core concepts whilst engaging the students in the decision-making process and navigating possible solutions for them. Apart from these, a set of four technical sessions were also conducted, concentrating on case studies related to marketing, finance, human resources & general management. The conference received 465 case studies among which 45 case studies were shortlisted.

National Cardiac Surgery CME At KSHEMA

Justice K. S. Hegde Charitable Hospital, in association with the Indian Association of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeons (IACTS), organized a two-day national-level Cardiac Continued Medical Education (CME) at Justice K. S. Hegde Charitable Hospital, Deralakatte, Mangalore on 15 and 16 October 2022.

Gracing the occasion as the chief guests, the event was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr) M. Shantharam Shetty, Pro-Chancellor of NITTE deemed-to-be university, alongside Padma Vibhushan Dr M. S. Valiathan and Padma Shri Dr K. M. Cherian.

Vice Chancellor Prof (Dr) Satheesh Kumar Bhandary, Dr Z. S. Meharwal, President of the IACTS, Dr C. S. Hiremath, secretary of the IACTS and Dr A. G. Jayakrishnan, organizing secretary of the IACTS Mid-term Cardiac CME were the other dignitaries on the Dias. Prof. (Dr) P. S. Prakash, Dean of K. S. Hegde Medical Academy, Dr Jayaprakash Shetty K. Vice-Dean (Admin) of K. S. Hegde Medical Academy, Dr Sumalatha R. Shetty, Medical Superintendent and Col. G. Jaculin Elizabeth, Nursing Superintendent were the guests of honour.

Sharing his insights, Cherian delivered the keynote address in which he reminisced about his experiences at various eminent centres around the world. Being the first national-level CME of Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgeons in the city, the event hosted didactic talk sessions by speakers from across the country.

Kristu Jayanti College Organises National Student Research Symposium

The Post Graduate Department of Computer Science at Kristu Jayanti College Autonomous, in association with the Library and Information Center, organised the National Student Research Symposium on 18 October 2022. Students and teachers from across the country attended the one-day event.

K.S Anvith, the System Architect at Huawei Technologies India Pvt. Ltd. Bengaluru, was the chief guest for the event. He emphasised the necessity of harbouring an innovative mindset, accompanied by skills such as hands-on learning, interrogation and time management. Elaborating on India's performance in global innovation, Anvith stressed the concept of open source, whilst also shedding light on open businesses and open research.

Dr Abhishek Mahesh Appaji, Research and Development head at B.M.S College of Engineering Bengaluru, explained various facets of Metrics for Research through his research paper, Retinal Vascular abnormalities in schizophrenia & Bipolar disorder: A window to the brain.

Elucidating on the development of Bengaluru International Airport, Suresh M Khadakbhavi, Assistant Vice President at Innovation Lab, Bengaluru International Airport Limited, also delivered a talk on Innovation and Digital Transformation in the Aviation Industry.

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Kalanamak rice is now small and strong

The traditional Kalanamak rice is protected under the Geographical Indication (GI) tag system. It's recorded in the GI application that Lord Buddha gifted Kalanamak paddy to the people of Sravasti so that they remembered him by its fragrance.

The problem with the traditional variety of Kalanamak paddy is that it's tall and prone to lodging, which badly impacted grain filling and quality. The yield, as a result, fell drastically, and the market for the rice dwindled, too. The traditional Kalanamak paddy's yield is barely two to 2.5 tonnes per hectare.

IARI Director A.K. Singh told *The Hindu* that their objective was to bring dwarfness into the variety and make the plant sturdy to prevent lodging. "The idea was to combine the quality of traditional Kalanamak with high-yielding varieties. Its grains are short. In that process, we did the breeding programme by bringing the dwarfing genes from the rice variety Bindli Mutant 68, and also the gene of Pusa Basmati 1176 was used as a parent to cross with Kalanamak, and the progenies were further back-crossed with Kalanamak to restore its quality. This is a novel mutation," he said.

Extensive evaluation

The process started in 2007, when the first cross with dwarf varieties was carried out. For the last three years, the IARI conducted extensive evaluation at 10 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) located in the GI districts.

"In this kharif season, it was given to farmers. The aroma of the new breed is higher and nutritional qualities are also excellent. Productivity has gone up to 4.5 to five tonnes per hectare as against 2.5 tonnes in the case of traditional Kalanamak," Dr. Singh said.

Tilak Ram Pandey, a farmer from Sidhharth Nagar, said his family has been cultivating traditional Kalanamak paddy for generations. "We consider this rice as the *prasad* of Lord Buddha," Mr. Pandey said. He has carried out his trial with the new variety on eight acres of his farm. "The length of the old variety plant is 140 centimetre, and the new variety is between 95-100 centimetre. I will start harvest on November 20. It will be a good yield. There was larvae attack on the paddy, but it was much less than last year," he added.

Encouraging results

Mr. Pandey said 75% of farmers used to grow Kalanamak in the area, but of late, the market for the variety had shrunk. "Now, there is encouragement from the government. Last year also, I had joined in this experiment. I had given the rice to the scientists and officials who visited my home. The taste is very good. But old-timers say that the taste will not match the traditional variety," he added. In Basti, the KVK has looked into the trials carried out by various farmers and the result is very good, according to its Director, Professor S.N. Singh. "The yield is very good, especially at low-lying land area. Compared to the traditional variety, the increase in production is three times. The sowing was generally done in July. The response was good where sowing was done in August. We have given seeds to about 150 farmers in Basti. In Basti, Kalanamak is cultivated in about 9,000 hectares," he added.

In all, Kalanamak is cultivated on about one lakh hectares in Uttar Pradesh.

Prof. Singh said the KVKs would provide seeds for large-scale cultivation for the next crop season. "Farmers are very happy with this seed. We have been testing this for the last three years and this season, we gave it for farmers as part of the trial. One issue was attack of blight bacterial disease. It has also been addressed by inducting blight-tolerant genes," he said.

High iron and zinc content

A prominent rice breeder, Chairman of the Centre for Research and Development, and former Director of Research at the Birsa Agriculture University, Ranchi, B.N. Singh, has been helping the IARI in breeding the new varieties.

"We have been testing this variety since 2015. Yield and cooking quality is good. Generally, this variety has good tolerance to diseases. Lodging has been ruled out," he said, adding that zinc and iron content in Kalanamak is higher than other rice varieties.

"We have given the samples to the National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, to know the nutritional compounds and glycaemic index. If the glycaemic index is low, this variety can be used by diabetic patients too," Dr. Singh said.

Terrorists using technology to harm society: Jaishankar

Delhi Declaration focuses on threat from unmanned aerial systems, online radicalisation and recruitment as well as terror financing through cryptocurrencies and other virtual means

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Joint efforts: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with delegates at the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee meeting in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

Terrorism is still one of the "gravest threats" to humanity, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Saturday, the concluding day of the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee's special meeting in India that sought to focus on the misuse of emerging technologies by terrorist groups. He called for "zero tolerance towards terrorism".

Mr. Jaishankar said that new and emerging technologies had enhanced capabilities of terror groups, "particularly in open and liberal societies". "Internet and social media platforms have turned into potent instruments in the toolkit of terrorist and militant groups for spreading propaganda, radicalisation and conspiracy theories aimed at destabilising societies," he said.

The meeting, which was addressed by all members of the Security Council, and included ministerial-level participation from Albania, Gabon, Ghana, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom, committed to ending safe havens for terrorists and countering new technologies being used for terrorism.

However, the final "Delhi Declaration" did not include the concerns of the U.S. and India over China's block on terrorist designations at the UNSC.

The U.S. and the U.K. sparred with Russian diplomats over references to a "massive" drone attack attempted in the Crimean port of Sevastopol, which the Russian Army claimed to have thwarted.

Sanctions regime

"The UN Security Council, in the past two decades, has evolved an important architecture, built primarily around the counter-terrorism sanctions regime... This has been very effective in putting those countries on notice that had turned terrorism into a State-funded enterprise," Mr. Jaishankar said in a veiled reference to Pakistan, adding that the threat of terrorism is "growing and expanding" nonetheless.

Mr. Jaishankar's statement came a day after U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken had referred to India-U.S. joint efforts to designate several Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) terrorists through the UN's 1267 sanctions committee.

"All Member States must cooperate fully in the fight against terrorism in order to identify safe havens, deny terrorists access to them and bring to justice... any person who supports, facilitates, participates... in the financing, planning, preparation or commission of terrorist acts," stated the final "Delhi Declaration on countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes".

The 35-paragraph "Delhi Declaration" focused on the threat from Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) including drones, online radicalisation and recruitment as well as terrorist financing through cryptocurrencies and other virtual means, with members noting "with additional concern the increasing global misuse of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) by terrorists to conduct attacks against, and incursions into critical infrastructure and soft targets or public places, and to traffic drugs and arms."

In particular, the CTC members referred to attacks in the UAE and Saudi Arabia, as well as cross-border drone activity into India.

Terror activities up in J&K since 2021, India tells UN panel

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

From 2021 to Sept. 2022, the number of terror bases sharply increased to 225, said a presentation

India informed the United Nations Security Council's (UNSC) Counter Terrorism Committee (CTC) that there has been a steep rise in cross-border terror activities in Jammu & Kashmir since the end of 2021, around the time when severe financial strictures by the global terror-financing watchdog, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), were eased on a "troublesome jurisdiction".

Earlier this month, the FATF removed Pakistan from the "grey list" of countries under "increased monitoring". India informed the panel that terror activities had seen a slump from 2018 to the end of 2021, during which time Pakistan was placed on the grey list.

Safi Rizvi, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), on the first day of the UNSC committee's meeting in Mumbai on October 28, informed that in mid-2018, there had been close to 600 terror camps across the J&K border. This was the time when Pakistan was first placed on the grey list. "The cross-border terror bases went down by 75% during the FATF listing. The Counter Terrorism Committee should notice how effective the UN designations and listings by the FATF are. The moment the talk started that the grey listing is about to end, the bases have gone up by 50% and we are expecting more scalable and more attacks on hard targets [security installations] and much more trouble," he said.

According to the presentation made before the committee, there were 600 terror camps across J&K in mid-2018, which came down to 150 in the middle of 2021. From 2021 to September 2022, the number of terror bases sharply increased to 225.

He added that since end-2021, "the return of cross border terrorist infrastructure and the return of attacks on Indian targets" is noticeable. Mr. Rizvi said that the FATF listing of Pakistan from 2018-2022 saw relative peace.

Highlighting the importance of the UN's designations, Mr. Rizvi said the designated terrorists were either arrested or convicted, and open terrorist activities such as collecting donations through appeals on social media and holding public rallies, were restricted. To substantiate, he shared a photograph of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) chief Hafiz Saeed, a UN-designated terrorist, holding a public rally in Pakistan in December 2017. The officer said after the designations were enforced in 2018, the rallies were stopped.

Nadimarg massacre case: J&K High Court allows fresh trial

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

The J&K High Court on Saturday ordered the reopening of the Nadimarg massacre case, in which 24 Kashmiri Pandits were killed by gunmen on March 23, 2003, in south Kashmir's Pulwama.

"The revision petition is allowed. The court order dated 09.02.2011 is set-aside. The application for issuance of commission for examination of witnesses moved by the prosecution-State/petitioner is allowed," Justice Vinod Chatterji Koul directed.

The J&K police had filed a revision petition against the 2011 order of the trial court by the Principal Sessions Judge, Shopian. Eleven men, 11 women and two children were shot dead from a close range by gunmen in Pulwama.

"The court (Principal Sessions Judge, Shopian) shall now take all the necessary measures for ensuring the examination of the witnesses concerned by issuing commission and/or recording their statement videoconferencing and shall ensure expeditious proceedings so as to conclude the matter at the earliest," Justice Koul observed.

According to the prosecution, they were reluctant to depose before the trial court at Shopian in view of the threat perception.

Earlier, the High Court had recalled the court order of December 2011 on August 25. A petition was also filed in 2011 before the High Court under 561-A to seek a fresh trial and transfer of the case to any court of competent jurisdiction in Jammu, "so that statements of all the migrated witnesses available can be recorded without any fear". However, it was dismissed by the court.

'China continues work to upgrade roads opposite eastern Ladakh'

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At the border: A view of the Pangong Tso lake near the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh. FILE PHOTO

China is continuing to upgrade roads opposite eastern Ladakh and strengthening alternative approaches around its Moldo garrison opposite the south bank of Pangong Tso, according to official sources. In addition, as winter sets in the high-altitude areas, a series of tents and shelters are under construction along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), they added.

The width of the Hot Springs-Mobda La road has been upgraded from 5 m to about 13 m since the standoff began in 2020, one source said citing intelligence inputs.

A new road of over 1 km from Hot Springs-Mobda La is also being constructed, which is about 14 km east of Patrolling Point (PP)-17 in Gogra-Hot Springs, the source said, adding the road is likely to be an alternative approach route. In September, India and China announced disengagement from PP-15 in Gogra-Hot Springs. The two sides have since agreed to hold the 17th round of Corps Commander talks very soon.

Road construction and upgrading has also been reported towards the north-east of Spanggur Tso, the source added. Officials said this is part of efforts by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) to reduce their vulnerability near the Spanggur Tso as noticed at the height of tensions on the south bank of Pangong Tso at the end of August 2020 when the Indian Army deployed tanks and troops on mountain peaks in the Kailash range giving it a direct view of the Spanggur gap.

In addition, construction activity in the general area of Rudok is also continuing, including near the Domar helibase, another source said. New tents and material for containerised accommodation has also been observed in Domar, the source stated.

At Rudok, which is a major PLA camp, opposite eastern Ladakh and about 60 km from the LAC, there has been an addition of 80-90 tents and sheds, to the 150 existing couple of months back.

The source said that a large number of tents under camouflage have been observed just a few kilometres ahead of Sirjap on the north bank of Pangong Tso as also a large number of temporary tents observed around PLA camp, Lhasa, which is just over 200 km from the border. A large number of tents, sheds and habitat have been constructed in the last two months and more are under way. Similar expansion of habitat has been observed opposite the strategic Sub-Sector North (SSN), the second source added.

Registrations open for BLoC Boardroom Challenge 2022

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The BLoC Boardroom Challenge 2022, a unique case challenge for B-schoolers, is now open for entries. The Challenge will have students take up an online test for the preliminary qualifying rounds. The first round is open for registration till November 6, and the online test can be taken at *www.blboardroomchallenge.in*.

The online psychometric test will assess students' decision-making skills and ability to work in teams. Each team gets 60 minutes and 20 questions, and one member representing the team will take the test.

After the preliminary round, the top teams will be shortlisted to compete in the semi-finals to be held across eight cities – Chennai, Kochi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Pune. The semi-final winners from each city will move on to the no-holds-barred finals event, also conducted virtually. In 2017, the first year of the challenge, LIBA Chennai won, followed by ISB Hyderabad in 2018, IIM Ranchi in 2019, SIBM Pune in 2020, and IIM Shillong in 2021.

The 2022 edition is sponsored by Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund while the exchange partner is BSE. The knowledge partners are Brand Vectors. Executive coach Siva Kumar, and Vishwadeep Kuila, an IIMA alumnus and founder of Brand Vectors, will prepare the case challenges for the semi-final rounds.

At State Ministers' meet, Shah flags surge in *mazaars* in Bet Dwarka

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah red flagged the disproportionate rise in number of *mazaars* (shrines) in Bet Dwarka, an island off the coast of Dwarka in Gujarat, to highlight the challenges in coastal security at the State Home Ministers' conference that concluded on Friday.

Mr. Shah is learnt to have raised the issue at the concluding session of the two-day conference when he reportedly informed the delegates that the tiny island had more shrines and tombs than its population.

Amit Shah at the Chintan Shivir of Home Ministers of States.

The Gujarat administration had recently carried out a demolition drive against several illegal structures in Bet Dwarka. The Muslim-majority Island is famous for the Dwarkadhish Mukhya Mandir that is said to have been the residence of Lord Krishna when he ruled Dwarka. At a public meeting in Gujarat's Jamnagar on October 11, Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel for conducting the demolition drive along Gujarat's coastline and restoring the pride of Bet Dwarka. Gujarat goes to the polls in December.

The conference or the Chintan Shivir to discuss internal security subjects was held the first time after the Bharatiya Janta Party came to power in 2014. The Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government regularly held Chief Ministers internal security conclave.

Minority in diversity: Sunak's rise and shifting lines of identity politics in India

NEWS ANALYSIS

Varghese K. George

The election of Rishi Sunak as the Prime Minister of the U.K. has triggered some heated conversations in India on minority rights within the country. There are at least four discernible views that have emerged, signifying the divergence within India on the question of minority rights in a democracy.

In the first, Congress leader Shashi Tharoor wondered whether India could elect a member of a "visible" minority community as Prime Minister. He pointedly avoided the fact that Manmohan Singh, a Sikh, had been PM for 10 years. By counting Sikhs out of the minority category – he later clarified that he meant a community that is not Sikh, Jain or Buddhist – Mr. Tharoor betrayed the typical liberal approach to minority politics in India which is about accommodating Muslims and Christians. This liberal conception of minority and majority at the national level, and in religious terms, is, paradoxically, in alignment with the conventional Hindutva view that sees Christianity and Islam as non-Indic, and hence out of line with the country's cultural nationalism.

The second view emerges in a Twitter spat between Mehbooba Mufti, former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, and BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad.

"Proud moment that UK will have its first Indian origin PM. While all of India rightly celebrates, it would serve us well to remember that while the UK has accepted an ethnic minority member as its PM, we are still shackled by divisive & discriminatory laws like NRC & CAA," Ms. Mufti tweeted. In response, Mr. Prasad tweeted: "Mehbooba Mufti Ji! Will you accept a minority in Jammu and Kashmir as Chief Minister of the State? Please be frank enough to reply."

India connect: Rishi Sunak with one of his daughters in a Bengaluru restaurant during a visit to India. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Those who support autonomy for culturally distinctive regions within the country often find it difficult to grapple with questions of minorities among the minorities – Hindus in the Kashmir Valley in this instance. The possible changes in the demography of Kashmir is widely considered a threat to its identity, and not celebrated as diversity as in the case of the U.K. This question of minorities among minorities surfaces quite frequently in India. This week, Tulu and Kodava speakers in Karnataka protested against the State government move to promote Kannada, fearing that it may undermine their mother tongues.

Mr. Prasad may argue for the minorities of the U.K. and Jammu and Kashmir, but not for the minorities in his home State of Bihar, or India in general – and that is the global standard of politics dependent on religious majorities. Minority rights are sought only when one is a minority. Indian Islamists may swear by the Indian Constitution, but they are also likely to support the Islamist policies of Turkey or Saudi Arabia, in the same breath. That is the third view of minority rights, informed by a world view of religious nationalism, in response to Mr. Sunak's rise.

A Dalit view is different from all these, and was articulated by BSP leader and former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Mayawati. "After Indian-origin Rishi Sunak's historic appointment as British Prime Minister, here in India, a Twitter war is going on between the Congress and the BJP. Allegations and counter-allegations are levelled everywhere, but no one is discussing about that political rights and justice due to which no 'Dalit' has been able to become Prime Minister in the country so far," she posted on Twitter.

Both secular and Hindutva versions of nationalism consider Dalits part of the larger Hindu society, and not an autonomous minority.

Watch | Rishi Sunak, UK's first Indian-origin PM **bit.ly/3U6PR3V**

AAP will name its CM candidate for Gujarat on Nov. 4: Kejriwal

He urges people of the State to contact the party through various media such as SMS, WhatsApp, voice mail and e-mail to give their preference

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi Chief Minister and national convener of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), on Saturday announced that his party's chief ministerial candidate for Gujarat would be announced on November 4.

Mr. Kejriwal also sought public opinion on the selection, and said that the chief ministerial face of the party would be based on the opinion given by the public through its helpline.

In Surat, he told pressmen that he had urged the people of the State to contact the party through various media such as

Arvind Kejriwal

SMS, WhatsApp, voice mail and e-mail to give their views about who should be the CM candidate of the party.

In Punjab also where the party won a landslide victory earlier this year, the AAP had sought public opinion on who should be its CM face.

"Today, I would like to ask the people of Gujarat who they want to see as the next CM of Gujarat. To know the opinion of the public, we are releasing a number: 6357000 360. You can send SMS, WhatsApp messages, and leave voice messages. We are also releasing e-mail: aapnocm@gmail.com," Mr. Kejriwal said.

He addressed two rallies in south Gujarat and will campaign in the Saurashtra region on Sunday.

He appealed to the people to vote for the party which has promised to deliver welfare schemes such as healthcare services, schools and unemployment allowance, free electricity and other sops.

Kinnaur youth seek affidavit from election candidates against hydroelectric projects

Vikas Vasudeva
SHIMLA

As Himachal Pradesh prepares for the Assembly election on November 12, a group of youngsters in the State's tribal district of Kinnaur – which over the years has bore the brunt of environmental catastrophes – have decided to confront the candidates in the poll fray, asking them to give an 'affidavit' surrounding a promise against setting up of any new hydel power projects in the district.

The youngsters, who almost a year ago launched the campaign "No Means No" against setting up of new hydel projects in Kinnaur, are now, in the run-up to the Assembly election, asking candidates of the Congress, the BJP and others and Independents, to give an affidavit, citing their proposed steps to deal with stopping construction of new hydel projects in Kinnaur. Also, they are demanding an assurance of extending benefits from the ongoing power projects to the local people.

Cost of development: One of the hydel projects being built on the Sutlej in Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh. V. V. KRISHNAN

"We want the candidates of political parties to give a written assurance through affidavit on the issue of stopping construction of new power projects in Kinnaur. Whatever the stand of the political party or candidates on the issue, we will then convey it through our meetings and social media platforms to people across the district. Our Kinnaur is a tribal district, which is ecologically sensitive and we are against setting up any more hydel projects. We have been demanding a complete ban on new hydro projects but politicians have been indifferent," Sunder Negi, a key member of the youth group, told *The Hindu*.

There are over 930 hydel power projects in Himachal Pradesh, which include mini, small, large and mega projects. Most of them are in Kinnaur, Chamba and Shimla districts.

Livelihood at stake

Vivek Negi, 25, of Akpa village which will be affected by the proposed construction of the Jangi Thopan Powari hydroelectric Project plant of 804 MW capacity near Jangi village, is anxious about the lives and livelihood of future generations.

"Our lives and livelihood are at stake. The way the fragile hills have been put under man-made pressure to exploit hydropower, the entire region has been witnessing a significant loss of life and property, especially during the monsoon. With transmission lines of hydro projects passing through forests, the trees are cut, putting our livelihood at stake. The politicians can't run from their responsibilities and hence we are asking them to spell out their commitment on the issue," he said.

The villages where the people and natural resources would be affected by the proposed project include Spillow, Kanan, Moorang, Jangi, and Rarang.

Pointing out that through the "No means no" campaign, the aim is to convey to the people across the district the ill-effects of power projects, Mr. Negi said it's the time to fight to save the Sutlej, the lifeline of Kinnaur.

"The debris thrown in the riverbed of the Sutlej from construction sites is killing the river. People need to speak up before it's too late," Mr. Negi added.

Gujarat to form panel to study all aspects of Uniform Civil Code

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Committee to be headed by a retired High Court judge and will have three or four members

In probably its last Cabinet meeting before the announcement of Assembly election in the State, the Gujarat government on Saturday moved a proposal to constitute a committee to evaluate all aspects of implementing the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), similar to the move by Uttarakhand, another BJP-ruled state.

The committee will be headed by a retired High Court judge and will have three or four members.

"The committee will be formed before the model code of conduct for elections comes into force," said Union Minister Parshottam Rupala, who announced the Cabinet decision along with Minister of State Harsh Sanghavi at the State BJP headquarters in Gandhinagar.

Common law

Terming the decision "historic", Mr. Sanghavi said that the government led by Bhupendra Patel "honoured the wish of the people of the State". He held that it was the wish of the people of the State to have a common law for all citizens of the State and the government had received multiple representations from various quarters regarding the same.

Both Ministers asserted that the proposed UCC would not violate the fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution. They held that the Hindu Marriage Act and Muslim personal laws would be covered under the UCC as these laws were not part of the Constitution.

They also denied that the latest move of the government was taken keeping the Assembly polls in mind while contending that it was necessary to resolve the discrepancies which arise in civil disputes, such as a woman's claim on her husband's or father's property due to different laws.

The Ministers said the committee would submit its report after evaluating various aspects related to the UCC and the State government would take the final call on the implementation. No deadline has been set for the committee to submit its report.

Earlier in May this year, the Uttarakhand government had announced its decision to implement the UCC in the State. Similarly, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jairam Thakur had also announced that the UCC would be brought into the State soon.

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For and on behalf of The President of India, The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Ernakulam Junction - 682016 invites E-tenders for the works mentioned below as per Notice Inviting Tender(NIT) in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderer/Contractors intending to apply for the tenders needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted. The Bid Security should be paid through online payment gateway available on the website by the way of multiple banks net banking, debit and credit card.

Item No	Tender No	Name of work
1	E.572/CN/ERS/WC/OT/574	Electrification of stabling lines, provision for pre- cooling and battery charging facility and high mast yard lighting at Kochuveli station.
2	E.572/CN/ERS/WC/OT/575	Modification of existing power line crossings in Kuzhithurai – Eraniel section and left over works and parallel alignment modification in Kuzhithurai- Kanyakumary section.
3	E.572/CN/ERS/WC/OT/576	Electrical works for platform modification at Darmadam Railway station and Extension of LT power supply in MAJN station yard through HDD method.

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1	OT/574	₹ 134.026	2,17,000/-	18.11.2022 at 12.00 Hrs	12 months
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3	OT/576	48.25	96500/-		12 months

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The detailed EOI Notification and Application can be viewed and downloaded in the website link
http://www.tnmines.tn.gov.in/docu/EOINotificationDroneSurvey.pdf and http://www.tnmines.tn.gov.in/docu/EOINotificationDGPSSurvey.pdf

Sl.No.	Subject	1. Drone Survey	2. DGPS Survey
1.	Commencement of date for submission of application	31.10.2022	31.10.2022
2.	Last date for submission of application	30.11.2022	16.11.2022
3.	Pre-EOI meeting on	07.12.2022	23.11.2022

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INBRIEF

Every district in U.P. to have a cyber police station soon: CM

The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to establish a cyber police station in each of the 75 districts of the State. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday asked the State Home Department to prepare and submit a detailed action plan on it as soon as possible. "Cyber security is a must in today's era. There is a need to establish a cyber police station in every district of the State," Mr. Adityanath said. The CM also stressed the need to intensify the campaign against illegal manufacturing, sales and trafficking of drugs in the State.

Aspirants urge U.P govt. for constable job notification

A hashtag campaign urging the Uttar Pradesh government to release the notification for recruitment to the posts of police constable created a Twitter storm on Saturday. Numerous Twitter users claiming to be aspirants for the posts resorted to the online protest. Many also demanded an age relaxation, and argued that as vacancies were not regular for the last four years, they might lose the chance to appear for the recruitment. Meanwhile, BJP MP Varun Gandhi, in a tweet, voiced his support to the aspirants demanding the release of the notification.

Lodge Myanmar refugees in a 'compact' area: Mizo group

An influential youth organisation in Mizoram has asked the State government to place more than 30,000 "scattered" refugees from adjoining Myanmar in a "compact" area. According to the State's Home Department, 30,385 Myanmar nationals have taken shelter across all 11 districts of Mizoram since a coup in February 2021 triggered unrest in Myanmar. According to the paramilitary Assam Rifles, more than 40 Myanmar nationals were caught in the last seven months for smuggling and other crimes.

Over ₹51 lakh fine slapped on quack after injection kills man

The Maharashtra Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission recently directed a fake doctor to pay ₹51 lakh with 12% interest from 2016 to a widow and her children as compensation for the death of her husband because of a wrong injection that he had administered him. It was contended in the court that Dr. Aagade, "a quack", administered the Dyclofenac injection which is only to be administered by a qualified doctor, and was responsible for causing the death.

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Tuberculosis finds easy pickings in closed tea gardens of north Bengal

Rampant malnutrition has led to a rise in TB among workers, many of whom are already grappling with loss of livelihood. With the disease taking a steep toll on their mental and physical health, the labourers, unable to move out for work, are hoping for their abandoned gardens to reopen

SPECIAL

Shiv Sahay Singh
ALIPURDUAR/ DARJEELING

In penury: The loss of jobs and erratic government assistance have meant the workers have to fend for themselves. In picture, Kamal Mangar at the State-run health clinic near the factory. DEBASISH BHADURI

A tea factory and its related infrastructure lie in ruins at the Lankapara Tea Garden in Madarihat block of West Bengal. Tea plants on many hectares of land have either turned brown or wilted, suggesting years of neglect. The garden, next to the picturesque hills that separate India and Bhutan and home to thousands of tea workers, has remained closed since the spring of 2015. For workers, the closure has meant poverty, malnutrition and an unforeseen malaise – tuberculosis.

Kamal Mangar, 25, queues up at a State-run health clinic behind the hospital that had gone to seed along with the tea factory. A health worker takes his weight and shouts 39 kg. The youth with tuberculosis has been reduced to a bag of bones.

There have been 11 cases of tuberculosis at the garden since 2019, the health worker at the clinic said. Lankapara has a population of nearly 7,500 and about 30% of the people have migrated for work. Mr. Mangar cannot go out for work to Kerala like he did a few years ago because of his illness. His father, Kancha Mangar, also unemployed, said his son did not get the ₹500 monthly welfare assistance given by the State to tuberculosis patients.

Since the plantation has remained closed for seven years, the workers survive on five months of plucking (April to September) and selling the leaves through various committees.

About 30 km from Lankapara is the Dheklepara Tea Garden which has been closed since 2002. At the entrance of the garden in Alipurduar district stands a dilapidated tea processing factory and a few rusted vehicles. Near the structure, a few workers of the garden are weighing a pile of tea leaves collected from plants that still survive.

A few metres away, at the workers' quarters, Praksh Tanti, 56, lies on his bed well past afternoon. On June 15, he was released from Birpara Sadar Hospital and the diagnosis states tuberculosis pleural effusion – one of the most common kinds of extra-pulmonary tuberculosis. He cannot work and doctors have prescribed him a high-protein diet including eggs, which he said he cannot afford. His 22-year-old son has migrated out for work and does not keep in touch with the family. Like Mr. Mangar, Mr. Tanti too does not get the ₹500 monthly assistance.

Poor conditions

Anuradha Talwar of Paschim Banga Khet Majoor Samity, who has been working with unions of tea gardens in north Bengal, said the closed gardens provide ideal conditions for malnutrition and tuberculosis. "For workers of gardens that have been shut, the State government provides free rations, but there is no other support. Therefore, malnutrition leads to tuberculosis among the workers," Ms. Talwar said. She said the government was providing ₹1,500 monthly to such workers under the FAWLOI (Financial Assistance to Workers of Locked-out Industries) scheme.

Over the past few years, the samity and other trade unions of north Bengal have raised the issue of malnutrition in the closed tea gardens. In 2015, the West Bengal Right to Food Campaign reported a death due to malnutrition in a closed tea garden.

In other districts too

There were also reports of malnutrition in abandoned tea gardens in the Dooars (Himalayan foothills) areas of districts such as Alipurduar, Jalpaiguri and Darjeeling.

In 2014, the State health officials admitted that 25 children suffered from severe malnutrition and low weight in the five closed tea gardens. The children had to be admitted to State-run hospitals in Jalpaiguri district. According to trade unions, six tea gardens lie shut in the Dooars region.

In the first week of October, the Alipurduar district administration provided financial assistance to about 1,500 workers of Dheklepara and Lankapra tea gardens just before the Durga Puja. The workers, however, say that the solution to their plight lies in reopening the gardens.

In the closed plantations of Darjeeling district, the situation is eerily similar. At the State-run health centre at the Panighata Tea Estate, a health worker said there were nine patients – five men and four women – with tuberculosis. Lalita Trikey, 49, who had come to collect medicines for tuberculosis, said that she sought medical intervention when she started vomiting blood. Ms. Tirkey, who lives with nine members of her family, said that after the garden closed down, she had been travelling long distances to other gardens for work.

Phulmani Khalkho, an auxiliary nurse midwife at the health facility, said that even after completing the required dose, some patients had not gained weight. Tina Lakra, 39, a mother of two, weighs only 31 kg and has been out of work for almost three years. The State government officials, however, denied the prevalence of tuberculosis in the closed tea gardens of north Bengal. "We have a very good screening process to locate TB patients so it does not matter if a tea garden is open and closed. Even in the time of COVID-19, we continued with the screening. Our aim is to eliminate TB in the region by 2025," Susanta Kumar Ray, Officer on Special Duty (Public Health), North Bengal, said.

Bengal Opposition alleges lottery scam as Trinamool leaders win big

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Being checked: According to sources in the ED, the company running the lottery is already under its scanner. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Luck smiled on Ruchika Gupta, wife of Trinamool Congress MLA Vivek Gupta, when she recently won a ₹1 crore lottery. However, a row has erupted, with Opposition parties in the State raising questions over the frequency with which leaders of the ruling party are hitting the jackpot.

Only a few months ago, there were reports of the Trinamool's Birbhum district president Anubrata Mondal winning a lottery of ₹1 crore.

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly and BJP MLA from Nandigram, Suvendu Adhikari, is among those who have raised the issue.

"I've been saying this all along, that Dear (Bhaipo) Lottery & TMC (Trinamool Congress) have a tangled relationship. It's an easy way to launder money. Common people buy tickets but Trinamool leaders win the bumper prize. First Anubrata Mondal won the jackpot & now TMC MLA Vivek Gupta's wife has won 1 crore," Mr. Adhikari tweeted on Friday.

Photographs of Mr. Mondal, who remains behind bars for his alleged involvement in a cross-border cattle smuggling scam, claiming that he had won ₹1 crore in a lottery, surfaced in January.

Advertisements of Ms. Gupta winning the lottery surfaced in newspapers a few weeks ago, in which she said that winning the lottery brought "positive energy and vibration" along with ₹1 crore to the bank account.

Mr. Adhikari said he had written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah in November 2021 in which he alleged that West Bengal had become a big market for lottery companies and a share of the crores of rupees generated from them was going to the State's ruling party.

BJP State president Sukanta Majumdar also spoke in a similar vein, and said the truth would emerge only after the Enforcement Directorate (ED) began a proper investigation.

Sources in the ED said that the company running the lottery was already under the scanner.

The Trinamool Congress leadership, however, tried to distance itself from the lottery wins, and said these had nothing to do with politics.

"If somebody is making false claims about income, it's the work of the Income Tax Department. What has Suvendu Adhikari got to do with this?" State Minister and Trinamool leader Firhad Hakim said.

FIR registered against *The Wire* on 'fake news' allegation by BJP's Malviya

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

An FIR has been registered against the news portal *The Wire* on allegations raised by BJP IT Cell head Amit Malviya of cheating, forgery, and publishing "fake stories" against him and Meta and Instagram.

Meanwhile, *The Wire* has filed a complaint against one of its former consultants, Devesh Kumar, who allegedly supplied the fabricated details for the story. No FIR has been registered yet.

Mr. Malviya, however, had not mentioned Mr. Kumar in the complaint he filed on Saturday. In it, he alleged the involvement of the *The Wire*'s founding editors, Siddharth Varadarajan, Sidharth Bhatia, and M.K. Venu, deputy editor and executive news producer Jahnavi Sen, the company that owns and publishes *The Wire*, Foundation for Independent Journalism, and other unknown persons for cheating, forging documents and publishing the "fake Meta stories".

"It is clear that *The Wire* and some unknown persons entered into a criminal conspiracy with intent to malign and tarnish my reputation, deliberately inserted my name into a story, and fabricated evidence to implicate me. I am left with no option other than to seek legal remedies," Mr. Malviya tweeted.

In a response to Mr. Malviya's allegations, Mr. Varadarajan told *The Hindu*, "When the news first came out, the claims were made on the details provided by one of the consultants of *The Wire*, Devesh Kumar." He said that *The Wire* had issued an apology regarding the same. He added that *The Wire* has retracted all the stories related to Meta.

A complaint was lodged against Mr. Kumar, who supplied *The Wire* with fabricated material on Meta and Instagram, with the intent to harm *The Wire* and its employees and damage its reputation, he added.

Rise in demand for India-trained nurses after pandemic: data

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

Following a lull over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a continued sharp rise in the demand for nurses trained in India from several countries, including Ireland, Malta, Germany, the Netherlands, Finland, the U.K. (Wales), and Belgium, government data show.

India ranks second after the Philippines in the number of nurses working overseas as they pursue better employment opportunities, higher salaries, and other benefits.

"Currently, there is a growing demand for nurses, especially in the ambulance services, critical care, mental health, and geriatric care sectors. There is also a demand for medical technicians," said Anoop K.A., Managing Director of the Kerala Government's Overseas Development and Employment Promotion Consultants (ODEPC).

Overall, only 300 nurses were recruited abroad through the ODEPC in 2019-20. But between August 2020 and February 2021, the organisation sent over 420 nurses to the UAE, Oman, Saudi Arabia, and the U.K. "And this number is on the rise," Mr. Anoop said.

Evelyn P. Kannan, secretary-general, Trained Nurses Association of India, Delhi, said that worldwide, countries were strengthening their healthcare systems after the pandemic.

"We are definitely seeing a growing demand for trained nurses. Increased salary, healthcare benefits, family visa, etc., make the shift a lucrative deal," Ms. Kannan said.

An FICCI report states that the migration has left India with a shortage of nursing staff.

Better prospects

The sentiment is echoed by nurses – even those working in Central government hospitals in the national capital. "In India, working as a nurse is becoming challenging and less attractive with long duty hours and comparatively less pay. The growth prospects are also limited," a staff nurse at a government hospital in Delhi, who did not want to be named, said.

"Strengthening healthcare workforce in India: the 2047 Agenda", a report by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), says: "Nursing is becoming less desirable as a profession and is witnessing increased migration to foreign countries, which has left India facing one of its worst shortages of nursing staff in recent years."

The report adds: "There is a great need for qualified nurses who are not only technically sound but also have specialised in various fields and are up to date on the most recent medical technology."

ISLAMABAD

Oldest prisoner at Guantanamo Bay returns home to Pakistan

A 75-year-old Pakistani known for being the oldest detainee at the U.S.-run Guantanamo Bay detention facility in Cuba was released to his home country on Saturday. Businessman Saif Ullah Paracha was detained in 2003 in Thailand and accused of financing Al-Qaeda, but he has maintained his innocence and claimed a love for U.S. AP

MANILA

Philippines' death toll following Cyclonic Storm Nalgae climbs to 72

The Philippines has recorded 72 deaths from Cyclonic Storm Nalgae that caused floods and landslips in southern provinces, the country's disaster agency said on Saturday. There were also 33 injured and 14 missing persons. The Maguindanao province was the most affected with 67 people dead. AFP

TAIPEI

Taiwan conducts its first LGBTQ Pride rally since the past two years

Tens of thousands braved downpours in Taiwan on Saturday to celebrate as the island staged its first LGBTQ Pride rally since fully reopening its border. Taiwan is at the vanguard of the burgeoning LGBTQ rights movement in Asia and became the first place in the region to legalise marriage equality in 2019. GETTY IMAGES

TEHRAN

Iran shrine attack mourners chant against Amini 'riots' at funeral

Mourners gathered on Saturday in the southern Iranian city of Shiraz to bury the victims of a deadly assault on a shrine, while chanting slogans against nationwide "riots" over Mahsa Amini's death. The crowd also chanted slogans condemning the U.S., Israel and Britain for allegedly being "behind the riots". REUTERS

Citing attack against ships, Russia moves to suspend grain exports

The UN-brokered grain export deal has seen more than 9 million tonnes of grain exported from Ukraine and brought down global food prices. Moscow claims 'minor damage' during a pre-dawn attack on Navy and civilian vessels in Sevastopol

Associated Press
KYIV

Build back: Construction under way on a bridge destroyed to block the Russian advance in Bucha, Ukraine. GETTY IMAGES

The Russian Defense Ministry said on Saturday that Moscow has moved to suspend its implementation of a UN-brokered grain export deal which has seen more than 9 million tonnes of grain exported from Ukraine and brought down global food prices.

The Ministry cited an alleged Ukrainian drone attack against Russia's Black Sea Fleet ships moored off the coast of occupied Crimea, which Russia says took place in early Saturday, as the reason for the move. Ukraine has denied the attack.

The Russian declaration came one day after UN chief Antonio Guterres urged Russia and Ukraine to renew the deal. Mr. Guterres also urged other countries, mainly in the West, to expedite the removal of obstacles blocking Russian grain and fertilizer exports.

Russian troops moved large numbers of sick and wounded comrades from hospitals in Ukraine's southern Kherson region and stripped the facilities of medical equipment, Ukrainian military officials reported on Saturday as their forces fought to retake a province overrun by invading soldiers early in the war.

Kremlin-installed authorities in the mostly Russian-occupied region had previously urged civilians to leave the city of Kherson.

"The so-called evacuation of invaders from the temporarily occupied territory of the Kherson region, including from medical institutions, continues," the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine said in an update. "All equipment and medicines are being removed from Kherson hospitals."

The military's claims could not be independently verified. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said in a nightly video address on Friday that the Russians were "dismantling the entire health care system" in Kherson and other occupied areas.

Russian ship damaged

Elsewhere on Saturday, at least one Russian ship suffered damage in a major port in Crimea, the Ukrainian peninsula annexed by Moscow in 2014. Ukraine and Russia offered different versions of what happened and who was to blame.

The Russian Defense Ministry said a minesweeper had "minor damage" during an alleged pre-dawn Ukrainian attack on navy and civilian vessels docked in Sevastopol.

The city, Crimea's largest, hosts the headquarters of Russia's Black Sea Fleet.

The Ministry said Russian forces had "repelled" 16 attacking drones. Earlier on Saturday, the Kremlin-installed governor of Sevastopol reported an "ongoing" drone attack.

An adviser to Ukraine's Interior Ministry gave a different account, claiming that the "careless handling of explosives" had caused blasts on four warships in Russia's Black Sea Fleet.

120 dead after Halloween crowd surge in Seoul

Associated Press
SEOUL

Grim end: Around 1,00,000 people flocked to the streets of Itaewon in South Korea for Halloween festivities on Saturday night. AFP

At least 120 people were killed and 100 more were injured after being crushed by a large crowd pushing forward on a narrow street during Halloween festivities in the capital of Seoul, South Korean officials said.

Choi Seong-beom, chief of Seoul's Yongsan fire department, said the death toll could rise as emergency workers were continuing to transport the injured to hospitals following the stampede in the leisure district of Itaewon on Saturday night. He said 74 of the dead have been sent to hospitals while the bodies of the remaining 46 who had been kept on the streets were being transported to a nearby gym so that workers could identify them.

Officials say it was believed that people were crushed to death after a large crowd began pushing forward in a narrow alley near Hamilton Hotel, a major party spot in Seoul.

A local police officer said he was also informed that a stampede occurred on Itaewon's streets where a crowd of people gathered for Halloween festivities.

The officer requested anonymity, saying the details of the incident was still under investigation by authorities.

Some local media reports earlier said the crush happened after a large number of people rushed to an Itaewon bar after hearing an unidentified celebrity visited there.

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol issued a statement calling for officials to ensure swift treatment for those injured and review the safety of the festivity sites. He also instructed the Health Ministry to swiftly deploy disaster medical assistance teams and secure beds in nearby hospital.

Local media said around 1,00,000 people flocked to Itaewon streets for the Halloween festivities.

Xi invokes Mao during visit to party's 'holy land'

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

Leading the pack: Xi Jinping, centre, and members of the Politburo of the CPC during a visit to Yan'an city in China on Thursday. AP

Dressed in matching navy windbreakers and flanking President Xi Jinping, China's freshly appointed top leadership this week made their first group outing to the Communist Party's "holy land".

Mr. Xi's choice to visit Yan'an – a site inextricably linked with Communist China's founder Mao Zedong – was an important, deliberate indication of the themes of his next five years at the helm, analysts said.

Team of allies

The new Politburo Committee he shepherded around the popular "Red tourism" destination on Thursday consisted solely of his loyal allies.

The itinerary included visits to Mao's former residence, as well as a hall where a pivotal CCP meeting in 1945 confirmed him as chairman, apparently showcasing Mr. Xi's deep interest in party history and its influence on his rhetoric and policies.

According to state media, Mr. Xi on Thursday vowed that his new standing committee would "inherit and carry forward the fine revolutionary traditions formed by the party during the Yan'an period".

Brazil's Bolsonaro, Lula face off in final debate

Associated Press
SAO PAULO

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro and former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva faced off in a final debate before their runoff election on Sunday, focusing mainly on economic hardships.

It is an issue that could sway some of the few undecided voters in the tight race between the far-right incumbent and the leftist challenger who clashed Friday night in a broadcast on the nation's biggest TV network.

Mr. Da Silva, who leads in opinion polls as he seeks to return to the job he held from 2003 to 2010, once more pledged to boost spending on the poor, though he did not outline a clear plan.

He also highlighted that Mr. Bolsonaro's government hasn't yet provided an increase to the minimum wage above inflation.

The two had only one prior debate, earlier this month, with a similar format that allows candidates to address voters or ask questions of their opponent.

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No. 3016 **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** Date 29/10/2022

EoI for engagement of Project Implementing Agencies (PIA) to undertake the project SAGARMALA PHASE-II under DDU-GKY convergence programme in the state of Odisha.

ORMAS intends to take up proposal from the **Project Implementing Agencies (PIA)** registered having valid PRN Number under DDUGKY scheme of Ministry of Rural Development for implementation of Sagarmala Phase-II under DDUGKY convergence programme in the state of Odisha. Interested Project Implementing Agencies shall submit their proposal as per the prescribed format available at **https://www.erp.ddugky.info/login** latest by **01/12/2022 till 5 pm**. The detailed Terms of Reference can be seen and downloaded in the ORMAS website **https://www.ormas.org** for reference.

In case of any Addendum/ Clarification/ Corrigendum/ Extension regarding this EoI, the same will be published in the above website. Authority reserves the right to accept or reject any EoI, and to cancel the process at any time prior to the award of contract without assigning any reason thereof.

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CAD-2325: OIPR-19004/11/0003/2223

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"e" Procurement Notice No. 16/OCCL/2022-23 (on-line)

On-line tender is invited for EPC Contract for the following work:

Sl No	Brief Name of Work	Bid Identification No.	Period of Completion	Availability of Tender (On-line)	Submission of Tender (On-line)
01	Construction of In stream Storage structure across river Nuanai near village Baliguali / Mohinipur pertaining to Puri Irrigation Division	OCCL-HQP/ 04/2022-23	24 (Twenty four) calendar months	From 03.11.2022, 03.30 PM to 17.12.2022, 5.30 PM	From 03.11.2022, 03.30 PM to 17.12.2022, 5.30 PM

Procurement Officer : Managing Director, OCCL
Date of Opening of the Technical Bid : 19.12.2022, 12.00 Noon
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal: https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in

MANAGING DIRECTOR

CAD-2340 OIPR-34120/11/0024/2223

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"e" PROCUREMENT NOTICE
Bid Identification No.: CCE, KIP(KCD-II) -05 / 2022-23
(Pertaining to Kanpur Canal Division No.II, Rimuli)

1	Name of the Work	"Construction of CD (Aqueduct) at RD 77740m of Kanupur Main Canal & Construction of Minors & Sub-Minors off-taking from RD 00m to RD 3495m of Gidhibas Distributary (Excluding Forest Area) including all structures of Kanupur Irrigation project"
2	Estimated Cost	Rs.2115.08 Lakh
3	Period of Completion	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months including rainy season
4	Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal	Dt.02.11.2022 from 10.00 Hours to Dt.17.11.2022 up to 17.00 Hours.
5	Last date/time of receipt of bid in the portal	Dt.17.11.2022 up to 17.00 Hours
6	Name & Address of the Officer inviting Bid	Er. Prasanna Kumar Pani, Chief Construction Engineer, Kanupur Irrigation Project, At/PO:Basudevpur, Dist- Keonjhar, Odisha-758047

Further details can be seen from e-Procurement portal "www.tendersodisha.gov.in."

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Chief Construction Engineer,
Kanupur Irrigation Project, Basudevpur, Keonjhar, Odisha

A-663: OIPR-32376/11/0005/2223

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS–TWO COVER–ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM
(E-Submission)

IFB No.	22, 23 / F.CWSS to Chennimalai / SDO(T3)/ CE/ CBE/ 2022/ Dated. 29.10.2022.
Fund	Under Jal Jeevan Mission 2022-2023 & State Government Fund
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, No.30, Siruvani Nagar, Bharathipark Road, Coimbatore - 641 043.
Sale of Bid	05.11.2022 to 06.12.2022 upto 15.00 Hours
Available website	E-Tendering website www.tntenders.gov.in
EMD Payable at	The Executive Engineer, TWAD Board, Sewerage Division, Perundurai.
Pre Bid meeting	24.11.2022 at 11.00 Hours at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid Submission	06.12.2022 before 15.00 Hours at the office of the Tender Invitee. Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website www.tntenders.gov.in
Bid opening	07.12.2022 at 15.30 Hours at the office of the Tender Invitee. Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website www.tntenders.gov.in

IFB No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs. In Crore including 18% GST)	Bid Security (Rs.in lakhs)
Combined Water Supply Scheme to 434 rural habitations in 22 village Panchayats of Chennimalai union in Erode district under Jal Jeevan Mission 2022-2023 (Construction period : 18 months, Trial Run : 6 months and Paid Maintenance : 60 months)			
22	Package – 1	157.00	75.00
23	Package – 2	101.50	75.00

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"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

Chief Engineer
TWAD Board, Coimbatore.

Police charge attacker of Pelosi spouse

Reuters
SAN FRANCISCO

A man who clubbed U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband over the head with a hammer, shouting, "Where is Nancy?", faced charges of attempted murder and other felonies a day after the violent break-in at the couple's San Francisco home.

The police identified the man arrested at the scene by officers as David Depape, 42.

Twin car bomb blasts kill nine in Somalia

Agence France-Presse
MOGADISHU

At least nine persons, including children, died on Saturday in twin car bomb attacks targeting Somalia's Education Ministry in the capital Mogadishu, security officers and witnesses said.

Two cars packed with explosives were detonated minutes apart near the busy Zobe junction and followed by gunfire.

The attack happened at a busy junction where a truck packed with explosives blew up on October 14, 2017, killing 512 people and injuring more than 290.

No claims yet

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack but Islamist group Al-Shabaab remains a potent force in the troubled Horn of Africa nation despite multinational efforts to degrade its leadership.

Effects of neural precursor cells' abnormal migration

Shubashree Desikan

Neural cells derived from patients with bipolar disorder (BD) show a difference in the way they migrate as compared to controls, finds a study.

This difference may contribute in a fundamental way to brain tissue repair and assembly.

The neural tube

Brain development starts early during pregnancy. This starts with a single layer of cells that roll up to form a tube called the neural tube. The brain develops at one end of this neural tube.

It is a process that takes up many cell divisions as well as cells migrating through large distances.

"The trajectories of migrating neural precursors lay the foundation for the developing brain. The speed and direction of migrating cells can alter the regional cellular make-up, and, therefore, the wiring of cortical areas," says Reeteka Sud from Accelerator Programme for Discovery in Brain Disorders using Stem Cells lab (ADBS lab) in NIMHANS and a corresponding author of the paper published in the journal, *Disease Models and Mechanisms*.

The key result of the work is that the neural precursor cells derived from stem cells from people with bipolar disorder showed a difference in the way they migrated as compared to neural precursors derived from stem cells of people without bipolar disorder (Controls).

BD and brain structure

Bipolar disorder is a severe disabling illness where a person's mood, energy, activity levels and ability to carry out day-to-day aciviities undergo unusual shifts over a period. The illness has a genetic basis and neurodevelopmental origin.

Many studies have documented abnormalities in the brain structure of patients with BD. Some abnormalities include smaller brain size, reduced cortical grey and white matter and decreased number of interneurons in the cerebral cortex and hippocampus regions.

Increased risk

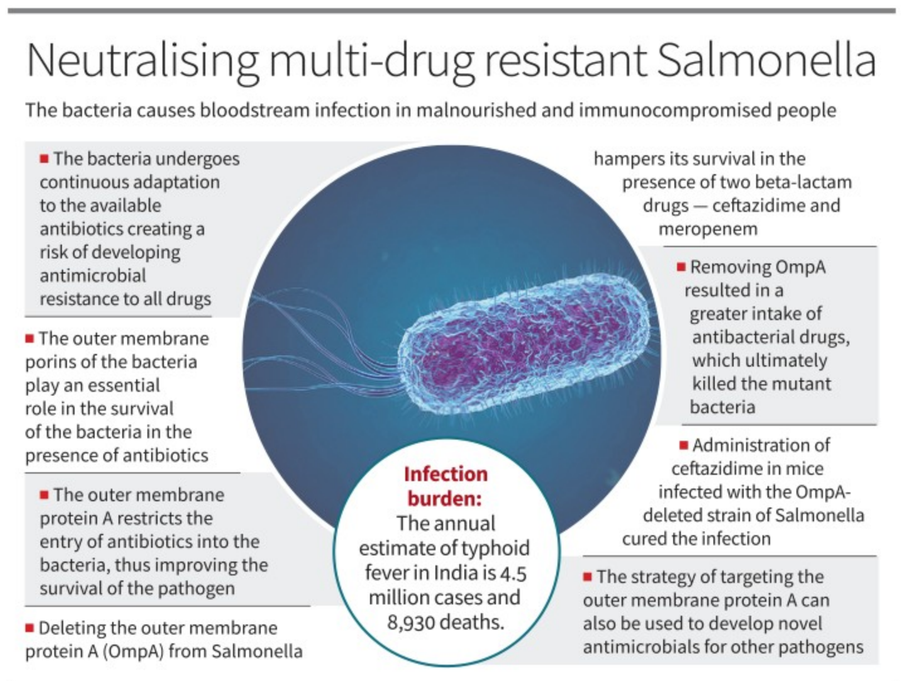
The researchers write in the paper, "Systemic dysregulation may produce the aberrant cellular phenotype, which could contribute to the functional and structural changes in the brain reported for bipolar disorder." Roughly, this implies that if the irregularities in migration exist in the formative stage, these could form a mature brain that has the sort of abnormalities seen in people with BD.

"These differences perhaps exist, but need not always convert into disease as the changes are too subtle... However, they do increase the risk in general... and that is what we observe," says Sanjeev Jain, (Retired) Senior Professor of psychiatry, Molecular Genetics Lab, NIMHANS and an author of the paper.

A new target found to combat AMR Salmonella

Recent studies have found the emergence of multi-drug resistant Salmonella tphimurium DT104 that causes infections in humans and cattle

Dipshikha Chakravortty



The rapid and unselective use of traditional antibiotics gives rise to the emergence of drug resistant phenotype in typhoidal and non-typhoidal Salmonella serovars, which has increased the difficulties in curing Salmonella-induced foodborne illnesses (majorly typhoid or paratyphoid fever, gastroenteritis, and diarrhoea) worldwide.

Salmonella typhimurium ST313, an invasive non-typhoidal Salmonella serovar, causes bloodstream infection in the malnourished and immunocompromised population of sub-Saharan Africa.

Recent studies have reported the emergence of multi-drug resistant (MDR) phenotype in Salmonella tphimurium DT104, which causes infection in humans and cattle.

Conferring protection

The MDR phenotype in this pathogen was provided by Salmonella Genomic Island-1 (SGI-1), which confers protection against a wide range of antibiotics, including ampicillin (pse-1), chloramphenicol/florfenicol (floR), streptomycin/spectinomycin (aadA2), sulphonamides (sul1), and tetracycline (tetG) (ACSSuT).

Further emergence of extensively drug-resistant (XDR) S. Typhimurium ST313 (having multi-drug resistant (MDR) and resistance against extended-spectrum beta-lactamase and azithromycin) in Africa posed a significant threat to global health.

Recent studies reported an annual incidence of as many as 360 cases of typhoid fever per 1,00,000 people, with an annual estimate of 4.5 million cases and 8,930 deaths (0.2% fatality rate) in India.

The continuous adaptation of this bacteria to the available antibiotics creates a risk of developing antimicrobial resistance in the future. This is the reason why it is essential to study the effect of new drugs and find their potential targets in Salmonella in detail.

A recent study carried out by our group showed that outer membrane porins of Salmonella Typhimurium play an essential role in the survival of the bacteria in the presence of antibiotics.

The study showed that disruption of OmpA can also effectively reduce the antibiotic-resistant persister population of Salmonella

The study was published in the *Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy* on September 30, 2022.

In this study, we showed that deleting outer membrane protein A (OmpA) from Salmonella hampered its survival in the presence of two beta-lactam drugs – ceftazidime and meropenem. OmpA is one of the most abundant barrel-shaped porin proteins localised in the outer membrane of Salmonella.

Absence of OmpA

The absence of OmpA in Salmonella hampers the stability of the bacterial outer membrane and reduces the expression of efflux pump genes.

The study further showed that the outer membrane protein A could restrict the entry of antibiotics into the bacteria, thus improving the survival of the pathogen under antibiotic treatment.

Removing OmpA resulted in a greater intake of ceftazidime and meropenem, which ultimately killed the mutant bacteria by disrupting its outer envelope.

Most importantly, this study showed that disruption of OmpA can also effectively reduce the antibiotic-resistant persister population of Salmonella.

Administration of ceftazidime in mice infected with the OmpA-deleted strain of Salmonella cured the infection and proved that OmpA plays a crucial role in antimicrobial resistance. This study is a continuation of another important research work published by our team in August 2022 (*PLoS Pathogens*), which delineated the role of Salmonella OmpA against the nitrosative stress of host macrophages. The loss of integrity of the bacterial outer membrane in the absence of OmpA made the bacteria highly susceptible to killing by the host's innate immune system.

Other Gram-negative pathogens (*Escherichia coli*, *Acinetobacter baumannii*, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, etc.) use outer membrane porins for various purposes, ranging from maintaining outer membrane stability to developing antimicrobial resistance.

Reducing AMR risk

As demonstrated in our study, the strategy to target outer membrane protein A (OmpA) of Salmonella can also be used to develop novel antimicrobials for other pathogens that can effectively reduce the risk of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) in the future.

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Banana, the highly nutritious fruit

SPEAKING OF SCIENCE
D. Balasubramanian

Are bananas an essential item in South Indian *pujas* (prayers) and celebrations? Yes, people decorate temple entrances, weddings, and festivals with banana trees at the entrance, offer banana fruits to the deity, and during meals use banana leaves as plates (no spoons or small bowls for liquids).

It is an art to eat rasam saadam on a banana leaf. Although these days one can buy 'modern' banana plates in restaurants, where dry banana leaves are 'stitched' together for convenience.

A sacred fruit

J. Meenakshi, a science writer, writes in BBC that the banana tree is equated to Lord Brihaspati (Jupiter) for fertility and bounty. Thus, bananas are considered sacred.

Dr. K.T. Achaya, in his book, *Indian Food: a Historical Companion* (Oxford Univ. Press, 1994) mentions banana in Buddhist literature in around 400 BC. He mentions that bananas came to South India from New Guinea island through the sea route. Some have claimed that it was in New Guinea that bananas have been first domesticated.

Many varieties

Ms. Meenakshi found during her travel from Hyderabad to Nagercoil that there are some 12-15 varieties of bananas. These plants grow in regions that are warm and humid, abutting the Western Ghats.

Given this, where all in India is banana grown? Largely in the peninsular southern coastal region, namely in parts of Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Bengal, and in the Northeastern areas of the country such as Assam and Arunachal Pradesh.

Mass cultivation: India produces about 29 million tonne of banana every year. GETTY IMAGES

However, the central and northern regions (Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Punjab) also grow the plant but neither in such variety nor in numbers.

India produces about 29 million tonne of banana every year, and next is China with 11 million. The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) says that about 135 countries produce bananas, and banana plants like warm and wet conditions.

Of particular note are the Southeastern Asian countries, which have as many as 300 varieties of banana, many of which have visually beautiful plants.

The nutritive value

What is it in bananas that has made them tasty, holy, of medicinal value, and nutritional value? The book *Nutritive value of Indian Foods* from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) points out that bananas have 10-20 mg of calcium, 36 mg of sodium, 34 mg of magnesium and 30-50 mg of phosphorous per 100 g of edible material. All these make bananas highly nutritious.

Dr. K. Ashok Kumar and colleagues, in their 2018 paper in the *Journal of Pharmacognosy and Phytochemistry* have updated the nutritional value of cultivars of banana with similar results. It is relevant to point out that of all the fruits in India, banana is the cheapest, available even in the rural areas in most parts of India all through the year, and more nutritious than many other fruits in the marke, such as mangoes and oranges, most of which are seasonal, expensive, and less nutritious than the lowly banana.

And, banana is not just a fruit that is tasty and good for health. Even its peel is of use as a 'biochar,' which is used both as a fertilizer and to generate electricity.

Efforts are on to use it to drive electric automobiles.

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SNAPSHOTS

Hardy bacteria can survive on Mars for 280 million years

Researchers have discovered that certain hardy bacteria could survive in the hostile Martian conditions for millions of years, by testing the ability of a selection of 'extremophile' microbes – which can live in harsh environments – to survive in cold, radioactive conditions similar to those on Mars. The team found that, when dried and frozen, the *Deinococcus radiodurans* microbe could survive under the surface of Mars for 280 million years.

Bird flu outbreaks in Europe leave a trail of destruction

Outbreaks of a highly pathogenic strain of avian influenza are leaving a path of destruction across Europe and North America, on a scale that has not been previously seen. Domestic bird culls once kept the virus in check, but sustained circulation in wild birds has become the norm since the early 2000s. Over the past year, transmission in wild birds has ramped up dramatically. It is possible that mutations have enabled the virus to infect more bird species than previous strains.

Risk of rare blood-clotting with AstraZeneca vaccine

A study sheds further light on the risk of developing a very rare blood-clotting condition known as thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS) after COVID-19 vaccination with AstraZeneca. Based on health data from five European countries and the United States, it shows a small increased risk of TTS after the first dose. The researchers stress that this syndrome is very rare, but the observed risks should be considered when planning further immunisation campaigns.

Question Corner

Ancient viral DNA

Do fragments of endogenous retroviruses exist in human genome too?

Previous studies have shown that fragments of ancient viral DNA – called endogenous retroviruses – in the genomes of mice, chickens, cats and sheep provide immunity against modern viruses that originate outside the body by blocking them from entering host cells.

Now a study (*Science*) conducted with human cells in culture in the lab has found that the antiviral effect of endogenous retroviruses likely also exists for humans. The work reveals the possibility of a genome defence system that has not been characterised, but could be quite extensive.

Endogenous retroviruses account for about 8% of the human genome. Retroviruses introduce their RNA into a host cell, which is converted to DNA and integrated into the host's genome. The cell then makes more virus. Typically, retroviruses infect cells that don't pass from one generation to the next, but some infect germ cells, such as an egg or sperm, which opens the door for retroviral DNA to pass from parent to offspring.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

What is the doctrine of pleasure?

Why did the Kerala Governor want to invoke it? What issues have brought things to such a pass?

K. Venkataramanan

The story so far:

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan and the State government have major differences over multiple issues. The latest controversy has arisen after he sought the resignation of several vice-chancellors following a Supreme Court judgment setting aside the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor of a technology university. As a fallout of comments made by the State's Finance Minister, K. N. Balagopal, the Governor has also sought his dismissal from his Cabinet, declaring that he has withdrawn the pleasure of having him in the Council of Ministers.

What is the concept?

The pleasure doctrine is a concept derived from English common law, under which the crown can dispense with the services of anyone in its employ at any time. In India, Article 310 of the Constitution says every person in the defence or civil service of the Union holds office during the pleasure of the President, and every member of the civil service in the States holds office during the pleasure of the Governor. However, Article 311 imposes restrictions on the removal of a civil servant. It provides for civil servants being given a reasonable opportunity for a hearing on the charges against them. There is also a provision to dispense with the inquiry if it is not practicable to hold one, or if it is not expedient to do so in the interest of national security. In practical terms, the pleasure of the President referred to here is that of the Union government, and the Governor's pleasure is that of the State government.

Under the Constitution, the 'pleasure' referred to is taken to mean the right of the Chief Minister to dismiss a Minister. The Governor of an Indian State cannot remove a Minister on his own

Under Article 164, the Chief Minister is appointed by the Governor; and the other Ministers are appointed by the Governor on the CM's advice. It adds that Ministers hold office during the pleasure of the Governor. In a constitutional scheme in which they are appointed solely on the CM's advice, the 'pleasure' referred to is also taken to mean the right of the Chief Minister to dismiss a Minister, and not that of the Governor.

What did the Supreme Court say on one Vice-Chancellor's appointment?

In a case challenging the appointment of Dr. M.S. Rajasree as V-C of the APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University, Thiruvananthapuram, the Supreme Court held that her appointment was contrary to the regulations of the University Grants Commission (UGC). The particular infirmity was that the Search Committee had identified only one candidate and recommended the name to the Chancellor for appointment. Under UGC regulations, a panel of three to five names should be recommended so that the Chancellor has a number of options to choose from.

How did the Governor react?

The Governor, in his capacity as Chancellor of universities, responded by directing the V-Cs of nine universities to resign the very next day, contending that the infirmities pointed out by the Supreme Court in one case also vitiated their appointments. Mr. Khan noted that the apex court had declared that an appointment not in line with the UGC regulations would be ab initio void that is invalid from the very beginning. He highlighted the fact that each of those appointments were either made on the basis of a single recommendation or were recommended by a panel in which the Chief Secretary was a member (contrary to the Regulations that say its members should be persons of eminence in the field of higher education). However, when the communication was challenged in the Kerala High Court, the Governor converted his directive into show-cause notices to the V-Cs to explain how their appointments were not illegal. Later, such notices were sent to two more V-Cs.

Why did he want a Minister removed?

Responding to remarks by Kerala Ministers, Mr. Khan warned that he could withdraw his pleasure in respect of individual Ministers if they made statements that lowered the dignity of his office. Later, taking note of a comment by Mr. Balagopal, he conveyed to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan that the Minister ceased to enjoy his pleasure and wanted him to take "constitutionally appropriate action". Mr. Balagopal had said that someone who had seen only universities in Uttar Pradesh could not understand the system in universities in Kerala. Mr. Khan considered this an affront to the Governor's office, and also claimed that it undermined national unity, stoked regionalism and was seditious. Mr. Vijayan rejected the suggestion: "viewed from a constitutional perspective, factoring in the democratic conventions and traditions of our country, the statement cannot warrant a ground for cessation of the enjoyment of the Governor's pleasure."

Is the world's climate action plan on track?

What will be the key points of debate during the COP27 summit in Egypt in November? Why are issues such as food security, energy and biodiversity on top of the agenda? What are world leaders expected to do? What will be India's contribution at the summit?

Sumeda

The story so far:

Leaders from around 200 countries will gather in the Egyptian city of Sharm El-Sheikh from November 6-18 for the 27th round of the Conference of Parties, or COP27, to deliberate on a global response to the increasing threat of climate change. The annual summit comes at a crucial juncture against the backdrop of global inflation, energy, food and supply chain crises, fuelled by an ongoing war in Ukraine and exacerbated by extreme weather events, with data showing that the world is not doing enough. At COP27, negotiations are likely to focus on efforts to decarbonise, finance climate action measures and other issues related to food security, energy and biodiversity.

What have been the key takeaways from past COPs?

The participants at COPs are signatories to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, or UNFCCC, adopted 30 years ago. At present, the UNFCCC has 198 members. The first COP was held in 1995 in Berlin. Since then, a few COPs have stood out with historic agreements. For instance, the Kyoto Protocol, adopted at COP3 in 1997, committed industrialised economies to limit and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. COP21, another significant conference, ended with the 2015 Paris Agreement in which member countries agreed to keep global warming below 2°C , ideally no more than 1.5°C , compared to pre-industrial levels. The previous summit, hosted by Glasgow, ended with the Glasgow Climate Pact that called for the 'phasing down' of unabated coal power.

The UN Climate Change report says the world is failing to act with urgency to curb greenhouse gas emissions

Red alert: Smoke rises from a coal-powered steel plant in Jharkhand. AP

What's on the agenda at the upcoming summit?

COP27 will seek to strengthen a global response and deliberate if wealthy nations emitting carbon dioxide should compensate for the loss to developing countries with a lower carbon footprint. Broadly, the summit seeks to "accelerate global climate action through emissions reduction, scaled-up adaptation efforts and enhanced flows of appropriate finance" through its four priority areas of mitigation, adaptation, finance and collaboration. As per the presidential vision statement, COP27 will be about moving from negotiations and planning to the implementation of promises and pledges made. Experts say the conference could emerge as an "in-between COP," since climate change goals have either passed or are not due soon, giving COP27 a platform to push forward issues that developed economies pass over.

How has the world been doing on climate change since the Glasgow meet?

The world has changed since the last COP in Glasgow. Extreme weather events and scientific reports are a stark reminder of the devastating impact of human pressure on the climate and the inefficiency of existing plans. These reports, likely to leave an impact on political agenda and environmental diplomacy, have built momentum for the Egypt summit.

A recent UN report has warned that "efforts remain insufficient" to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C, as per the Paris Agreement. The UN Climate Change report says the world is failing to act with urgency to curb greenhouse gas emissions despite the planet witnessing climate-enhanced heatwaves, storms and floods after just 1.2°C of warming. Even if the countries meet their pledges, we are on track for around 2.5°C of warming, which will be disastrous. The findings are based on an analysis of the latest Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), or country-specific action plans to cut emissions and adapt to climate impacts. The report adds that emissions compared to 2010 levels need to fall 45% by 2030 to meet the Paris deal's goal.

What did the IPCC report state?

This year's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) assessment report stated that climate change has produced irreversible losses to natural ecosystems and has warned of severe consequences to food supply, human health and biodiversity loss if carbon emissions from human activity are not sharply reduced. As per the report, 3-14% of all species on earth face a very high risk of extinction at even 1.5°C, with devastating losses at higher temperatures in the current situation. It adds that limiting warming to around 1.5°C requires global greenhouse gas emissions to peak before 2025 and be reduced by 43% by 2030. Coal-fired power plants operating without technology to capture and store carbon would need to be shuttered by 2050, a warning relevant to India which operates roughly 10% of global capacity.

The World Resources Institute also paints a grim picture in its report. It suggests that the world needs to curb emissions six times faster by 2030 than the current trajectory to meet the 1.5°C target. Of the 40 indicators examined, none is on track to reach the 2030 target. "Unabated coal-based electricity generation, although declining worldwide, continues to expand across some regions, while unabated fossil gas-based electricity, is still rising globally," it notes.

Mitigation measures to keep temperatures below 2°C and the need for climate change adaptation mentioned in these reports are likely to come up for discussion at the COP27.

Where does India stand?

India is one of the 197 countries that has promised to limit the increase to no more than 1.5°C by 2030. It is also working on a long-term roadmap to achieve its target of net zero emissions by 2070. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had committed at the Glasgow summit that the country would get its non-fossil energy capacity to 500 GW by 2030, meet half of its energy requirement from renewable sources and reduce carbon emissions. India is the third-largest greenhouse gas emitter in the world.Though India updated its climate pledges in line with commitments made at the previous summit, experts have slammed New Delhi for not setting ambitious targets. The Climate Action Tracker, an independent analysis that tracks government climate action classifies India's action as "highly insufficient". It says India's continued support to the coal industry undermines a green recovery. India had previously come under intense criticism over its stand to "phase down" coal power, instead of phasing it out, at COP26. "While stronger on paper, India will already achieve these targets with its current level of climate action and the new targets will not drive further emissions reductions," the tracker notes.

The country is, however, expected to play a key role at COP27. A government official told *Associated Press* that a key issue for India at the summit will be financing both – adapting to climate change and limiting fossil fuel emissions. The official said the country wants the $100 billion-a-year pledge of climate funds for developing countries, a promise that remains unfulfilled.

Why has Google got a second antitrust fine?

Did the tech giant engage in anti-competitive practices through its Play Store policies? How did the earlier fine pertain to the Android mobile device ecosystem? How has the Alphabet-owned company reacted to the second penalty in a week?

Diksha Munjal

The story so far:

In the second blow to Google's coffers in a week, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) on October 25 imposed a fine of ₹936.44 crore on the tech major for anti-competitive practices in its Play Store policies. On October 20, the CCI had imposed a provisional fine of ₹1,337.76 crore on the company for abusing its dominant position in multiple markets in the Android mobile device ecosystem.

Why has Google been fined for a second time?

The new fine by the CCI pertains to one of the three antitrust lawsuits Google is facing in India. The investigation into Google's payment system used in the Play Store began in 2020 after an individual complainant, whose identity has been kept confidential, filed an antitrust case against Google. Indian startups and small digital companies have complained about Google's policy of imposing the use of its own payment system on app developers. Similar probes are also on against Google in South Korea and Indonesia. A European court recently upheld a 2018 ruling against Google saying that the company imposed "unlawful restrictions on manufacturers of Android mobile devices." Google faces a $4.1 billion fine and plans to appeal.

Indian companies have complained about Google's policy of imposing the use of its own payment system on app developers

REUTERS

The Google Play Store is a marketplace for apps and services and has a collection of more than three million applications. In the current matter involving Google, the CCI examined if the company violated the Competition Act through its policy of requiring app developers to mandatorily use Google Play's billing system (GPBS) not only for receiving payments for paid app downloads but also for in-app purchases. The probe also noted that if the app developers did not comply with Google's policy of using GPBS, they would not be permitted to list their apps on the Play Store. The CCI thus concluded that making access to the Play Store contingent on mandatory usage of GPBS was "one-sided and arbitrary" and it also denied app developers "the inherent choice to use payment processor[s] of their liking from the open market."

It also examined the service fee that Google charges developers of paid apps and for in-app purchases. Compared to the 0-3% fee by other payment aggregators in India, the Commission found Google's service fee (between 15-30%) to be excessive, unfair, and discriminatory.

Google submitted that only 3% of developers on Google Play are subjected to a service fee. However, the commission found that the services provided by Google to these developers are in no way different or additional compared to services provided to developers of free apps. Further, it found that Google does not make it mandatory for some of its own apps like YouTube to use the GPBS, exempting them from paying the service fee. Besides, the Commission said that Google excluded rival UPI apps as effective payment options on the Play Store. It noted that it was discriminatory of Google to use an easy and efficient payment flow for its own UPI application GPay, while using a more cumbersome system with a lower success rate for other UPI apps like Paytm, PhonePe etc. The watchdog recorded that while GPay did not lead the overall UPI market in India, it was the dominant player in the UPI payments made on the Google Play Store.

The watchdog has directed Google to allow app developers to use any third-party billing service and given it three months to implement necessary changes in its practices.

What are some of the key findings?

The current investigation found that in the market for licensable Operating Systems (OS), Google enjoys a dominant position. OS are complex software products needed to run applications and programs on smartphones. Android, which is the most prominent such OS, was acquired by Google in 2005. Android is a licensable OS, meaning the developer Google licenses it to smartphone manufacturers like Samsung, Vivo, and so on.

According to Counterpoint research, 97% of India's 600 million smartphones are powered by Google's Android OS. While Android is an in-principle open-source OS, the CCI found that it is controlled by Google. The Commission noted that through its restrictive agreements with smartphone manufacturers, Google made sure that manufacturers who wished to use its proprietary apps such as Chrome, Play Store, YouTube and so on had to use Google's version of Android.

The CCI also concluded that the Google Play Store is the largest app store in terms of users, availability of apps, and developers compared to other app stores. The order noted that the Play Store, which is a part of the Google Suite (Chrome, Gmail, YouTube etc.) comes pre-installed in 100% of Android OS devices and owing to the mandatory pre-installation and entry barriers in the market, users did not have the option of side-loading or downloading apps outside of the Play Store.

How has Google reacted?

While Google had called last week's ₹1,300 crore fine a "major setback" for its Indian operations, it defended itself after the second penalty by saying that "Indian developers have benefited from tech, security, consumer protections & unrivalled choice & flexibility that Android & Google Play provide". It added that its low-cost model had powered India's "digital transformation" and expanded "access for hundreds of millions of Indians".

It was reported that Google is also planning a legal challenge in response to the first antitrust ruling by the CCI.

PROFILES

Old bird, new king

Twitter

The takeover of the social app, which has been struggling for years to revive growth amid worries about the spread of fake news and hate speech on its platform, by the world's richest man, a free speech absolutist, has raised both hopes and concerns about its future

P.J. George

When Elon Musk walked into the Twitter headquarters on Wednesday carrying a sink, the message he hoped to send was a triumphant "let that sink in" – a swipe at his detractors in the company and outside, in his own brand of Internet-friendly humour. However, for some in the Twitterverse, of which he had just been crowned king, the sink symbolised the drain down which he could potentially send the platform.

Twitter is a puzzling piece of property in the Web 2.0 landscape. If its corporate size matched the role it plays in global conversations around any topic of import, Twitter should be one of the largest social media platforms out there. It doesn't. Not even close. It is a fraction of the size of Meta, the company that runs Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp. After its IPO in 2013 at $26, Twitter never really sparkled. Its peak was at about $70 a share, and it even slid below its IPO price at one point. In comparison, Meta peaked at nearly $380 per share.

Mr. Musk is taking the company private again by buying out all Twitter shares at $54.20 – quite high, but fitting since it is a tongue-in-cheek reference to marijuana culture. This is a windfall for the shareholders as it had been trading in the low $30s in April when he announced his intention to buy. Twitter has constantly struggled to find a business model that fully monetises the space it occupies in public conversations. It has been kneecapped in this by a platform built for unfettered communication that advertisers are wary of, internal squabbles, and part-time CEOs.

Dorsey days

Twitter originated in 2006 from Jack Dorsey's idea of sharing status updates among friends. The initial versions envisaged using SMS messages for sharing the update; hence, the 140-character limit that persisted well into the future. Mr. Dorsey found backers in Evan Williams – the brain behind Blogger and Medium – Biz Stone, and Noah Glass.

From the early days itself, Mr. Dorsey seems to have had a vision of Twitter as less a social media app and more a communication layer deployable anywhere. This vision is reflected in the Bluesky project that he initiated at Twitter in 2019. Bluesky is touted as an open-source protocol that would decentralise social media, allowing users to take their posts and data with them while moving between platforms. As per reports, Mr. Dorsey is now set to launch a social media platform based on the protocol. Incidentally, one of the key persons on the Bluesky project at Twitter was the then-CTO Parag Agarwal, who succeeded Mr. Dorsey as the CEO in November 2021, and who has now been fired by Mr. Musk.

Mr. Dorsey's first stint as the CEO lasted till 2008, when he became chairman of the company and was replaced as the CEO by co-founder Evan Williams. He returned as the CEO in 2015 when the then CEO Dick Costolo resigned over criticism of Twitter's lackadaisical performance on key matrices. Mr. Dorsey's return was meant to energise the company and help grow its user base and revenues; however, by then he was splitting time as the CEO between Twitter and his other venture, the payments platform Square. His replacement, Parag Agarwal, had to spend most of his time and energy on the Musk takeover bid rather than revamping the company.

This was not the prospect that one would have imagined for Twitter a decade ago. In the early 2010s, its user base was growing by leaps and bounds, and the app was on the phones of every young person eager to post their opinions on everything from music to politics. It was the app that helped shake up dictatorships in West Asia and North Africa during the Arab Spring of 2011, with some even calling them "Twitter revolutions". The youthful protestors in countries such as Tunisia, Egypt and Bahrain used Twitter and other social apps as megaphones for their views and as tools to coordinate the protests. At that moment, social media platforms seemed to be the West's new tools for exporting democracy, and Silicon Valley seemed justified to "move fast and break things" as Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg put it.

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However, the ensuing decade was to prove otherwise. Dictators and strongmen started tweeting, and the tables started turning. Though Twitter's failings in this period pales in comparison to Facebook's shenanigans, the spread of disinformation and hate speech on this platform had real world consequences, the most remarkable one being the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

The Trump phenomenon

Donald Trump built a large following on Twitter by leveraging outrage to generate engagement. Twitter's algorithm, like those of most other social media platforms, treats engagement as a key metric when deciding what or whom its users should see. Mr. Trump employed tweets that were dog-whistles to his right-wing and white nationalist supporters. Mr. Trump's use of Twitter to dominate the headlines continued into his presidency. Some of his tweets were seen as blatant breach of Twitter's content policies, and the platform was hard-pressed to justify retaining him. Matters came to a head with the January 6, 2020 riots at Capitol Hill in Washington, and Mr. Trump's tweets were seen to be egging the rioters on and calling into question the validity of the election of Joe Biden as the next U.S. President. Twitter permanently suspended Mr. Trump on January 8, 2020, a decision that was reportedly taken by chief legal counsel Vijaya Gadde, whom Mr. Musk has now fired.

If Twitter feared that Mr. Trump's exit may have taken away much of the buzz around the platform, it was needless. It soon got a replacement in Mr. Musk, a self-proclaimed meme lord and "free speech absolutist". Considering his success with ventures such as PayPal, Tesla and SpaceX, it is not surprising that Mr. Musk drew a vast audience on the platform. His decision to purchase Twitter at $54.20 a share seems to bear this out. He tried to back out of the deal that would need him to put a good amount of his personal fortune in the pot and the company in a great deal of debt. However, after some high drama online and offline, Twitter sued him to submission as shareholders stood to make significant gains.

New era

While his firing of the top order was expected, Mr. Musk begins his ownership amid rumours of a massive firing spree that would affect Twitter's 7,500-odd employees across various countries. He also brings apprehensions about Twitter's policies around content. The return of Mr. Trump to the platform is a possibility that he has spoken of, though one of Mr. Musk's earliest announcements as owner was a content moderation council that would make all such decisions. Before his takeover, Mr. Musk has repeatedly spoken about a much looser content policy on the platform, leading right-wing figures who have accused Twitter and other social platforms of a Left-ward bias to cheer him on. Looser moderations may alienate advertisers who will not want to put brand names next to problematic content. As the owner, however, Mr. Musk has moved to allay advertiser fears, saying: "Twitter cannot become a free-for-all hellscape."

Another direction in which Mr. Musk may take Twitter is turning it into a super-app, that would incorporate social media, payments, and various other features. While Mr. Musk is known to bring volatility to his ventures, it is also true that if anyone has the wherewithal to solve the platform's myriad issues, including content moderation and lack of growth, it is the world's richest man.

THE GIST

- Twitter originated in 2006 from Jack Dorsey's idea of sharing status updates among friends
- Dorsey's first stint as the CEO lasted till 2008. He returned in 2015, to be replaced by Parag Agarwal in 2021, who was fired by Musk
- After taking over the network, Musk has announced a content moderation council, which will take decisions on content and account reinstatements

Anti-immigrant hardliner

Suella Braverman

The Conservative MP with ties to the extreme right wing of the party has been appointed by Rishi Sunak as Home Secretary

G. Sampath

As the latest British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak announced his new Cabinet, the name that attracted the most comment was that of Suella Braverman, 42, the Home Secretary. Only a week earlier, as Home Secretary in the government of former Prime Minister Liz Truss, Ms. Braverman was forced to resign for a breach of ministerial rules. She had tried to send a highly sensitive official document – immigration proposals shared with her by Downing Street – from her personal email ID.

Perhaps the most worrying aspect of this breach is for whom she broke the ministerial code: arch Conservative John Hayes, who is also the chair of the Common Sense Group (CSG), a lobbying group of rightwing Tories devoted to waging a cultural war against woke politics.

Numerous media reports have cited party sources to claim that Ms. Braverman doesn't make major decisions without consulting Mr. Hayes, who is known to be her mentor. This might explain why she wanted to share the document – which reportedly contained proposals for a more liberalised immigration policy – with Mr. Hayes. The political implications are damaging, as they suggest that one of the senior-most members of Mr. Sunak's government might be in thrall to the extreme right of the Conservative party. Understandably, Opposition MPs have questioned Mr. Sunak's decision, asking why he did not refer her breach of ministerial code to an ethics adviser.

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Political positions

Indeed, as fellow members of the CSG and the European Research Group (ERG), a caucus of Eurosceptic Tories set up with the singular purpose of accomplishing Brexit, the political positions of Ms. Braverman and Mr. Hayes are almost identical, lending credence to fears that she would serve as a powerful lever of influence in the government for the rightwing faction. And as Home Secretary, her decisions would concern issues that are sensitive and divisive: immigration, LGBT rights, welfare, crime, etc.

Born to Indian-origin parents who emigrated to the U.K. from Africa in the 1960s, Ms. Braverman has been active in the Conservative party right from her days as a Cambridge undergraduate. A barrister with a Masters degree in European and French law, she cut her teeth campaigning for her mother, who was a Conservative candidate in the 2001 general election and a by-election in 2003. After being elected an MP from Fareham in 2015, she campaigned to leave the EU during the Brexit referendum. Despite being from a family of immigrants, she is a hardliner against immigration, vowing to reduce the annual inflow into the U.K. to "tens of thousands" – it is 239,000 at present. She is a strong supporter of the Rwanda plan, under which asylum seekers could be forcibly packed off to Rwanda.

During her previous stint as Home Secretary in the Truss Cabinet, Ms. Braverman's virulent anti-immigrant stance briefly threatened to derail the India-U.K. Free Trade Agreement when she expressed an apprehension that the deal could increase migration from India. "I have concerns about having an open borders migration policy with India because I don't think that's what people voted for with Brexit," she said, causing anger in India and consternation among U.K. trade officials.

Ms. Braverman endorses longer prison terms for peaceful climate activists, wants cuts in welfare spends because the country has far too many people who are fit to work but don't, and believes schools should stop being accommodating towards trans students – the last, a position at odds with the LGBTQ-friendly stance of Mr. Sunak. With people in different parts of the Commonwealth busy celebrating the coronation of a brown man as British Prime Minister, it may be a while before they start pondering why this brown PM has appointed a brown anti-immigrant Home Secretary who not only believes that "the British empire was a force for the good" but also describes herself as being "proud of the British empire".

The tropical populist

Jair Bolsonaro

The heady cocktail of ultra-nationalism, conservatism and demonisation of opponents has ensured the far-right leader still retains a formidable support base

Srinivasan Ramani

As Brazil goes to vote for the second round of presidential elections on Sunday, the electorate would be faced with a clear-cut choice – re-elect the far-right demagogue, populist and incumbent Jair Bolsonaro or bring back former President Luiz Inacio 'Lula' da Silva to power. The contrast between Lula and Mr. Bolsonaro is quite clear. The former is a union leader-turned-politician whose Workers Party governed Brazil as a moderate leftist force by instituting redistribution and welfare policies in power, even as it used negotiation and conciliation with the elite to advance such policies.

Mr. Bolsonaro, on the other hand, is an ex-military officer who has advocated right-wing and social conservative causes, invoked nostalgia for military dictatorship and ruled the country with a clear preponderance for big business. In many ways, the far-right politician fits the mould of other right-wing populists who came to power in the "democratic world" in the last decade or so – from Narendra Modi in India, Recep Erdogan in Turkey, Rodrigo Duterte in the Philippines and more closely, Donald Trump in the U.S. Indeed, Mr. Bolsonaro's use of rhetoric and political mobilisation and his recourse to disinformation are quite reminiscent of the tactics used by the Donald Trump campaign and administration.

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Mr. Bolsonaro's endorsement of religious conservatism has provided him a ballast of support from the evangelical community in Brazil, close to a third of the total voters according to some estimates. His denunciation of environmentalism resulted in policies that removed the Amazon rainforest conservation measures, reduced spending for science and environment agencies drastically, besides policies that weakened land rights for indigenous people. These moves resulted in an accelerated deforestation of the Amazon rainforest, called the lungs of the earth, during the Bolsonaro presidency. But the measures have also solidified support for Mr. Bolsonaro among the powerful agribusiness communities.

Welfare spending

Free market advocates and elites in big business expected Mr. Bolsonaro to pursue fiscally conservative policies, moving away from the Workers Party's emphasis, but that was not to be, as the regime enhanced welfare spending to win back support in a COVID-19-hit country. The Bolsonaro regime presided over a time when the pandemic claimed the second highest registered deaths in any country – nearly 700,000 deaths and 3.5 million cases.

Mr. Bolsonaro, in the beginning, cavalierly dismissed the novel coronavirus pandemic, claiming that the disease was no more deadlier than the "common flu" besides lampooning the press and Opposition for exaggerating the threat of the virus . Indeed, it is the regime's failures and policies during the pandemic that resulted in a significant dent to Mr. Bolsonaro's fortunes and allowed Lula to come back as a presidential candidate and win the first round.

But Mr. Bolsonaro also managed to belie expectations – including those of credible election pollsters – by winning slightly more than 43% of the votes in the first round and only falling short of Lula by five percentage points, indicating that the multi-class coalition that catapulted him to power has not been broken entirely.

In the run-up to the second round, Mr. Bolsonaro has borrowed and reinstated the same rhetoric reminiscent of Mr. Trump's campaigns, including allegations that electoral fraud was rampant in Brazil's electronic voting system.

The heady cocktail of ultra-nationalism, conservatism and demonisation of opponents has ensured that Mr. Bolsonaro still retains a formidable support base even among working class segments despite presiding over a controversial turn in governance since 2018. While pollsters have once again pointed to Lula enjoying a healthy lead in the second round, the experience of Mr. Trump's re-election candidacy shows that Brazil's elections are headed towards a tumultuous finale.

INBRIEF

Govt. extends sugar export curbs till October 31, 2023

The Centre extended restrictions for sugar export by one year through October 2023, the government said in a notification late on Friday. In May, India restricted exports through the end of this month to contain a rise in domestic prices following record exports. India is expected to produce record sugar crop output this year, which could allow the Centre to permit exports of up to 8 million tonnes, industry officials said this month. REUTERS

NTPC Q2 net profit slips 7% to ₹3,418 cr. as expenditure rises

State-run power giant NTPC on Saturday reported a more than 7% dip in consolidated net profit to ₹3,417.67 crore for the September quarter, mainly on higher expenses. Total income rose to ₹44,681.50 crore in the quarter, from ₹33,095.67 crore, it said in a BSE filing. Total expenses jumped to ₹40,000.99 crore, from ₹28,949.53 crore. Average power tariff stood at ₹4.77 per unit compared with ₹3.86 per unit in the year-earlier period. PTI

'Most millennials, gen Z may ask for pay raise in 6 months'

A majority of millennial and generation Z professionals are planning to ask for a pay raise in the next six months amid an uncertain economic climate, according to a survey. More than 2 in 5 professionals in India (41%) feel well compensated for their work while 45% of respondents are planning to ask for a raise in the next six months, as per the LinkedIn Workforce Confidence Index report. The index is based on responses from 4,684 professionals from June 4-September 9 this year in India. PTI

IT rules obligate social media firms on content

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INTERVIEW

Rajeev Chandrasekhar

Yuthika Bhargava

The latest amendment to the IT rules lays a definite due diligence obligation on social media firms so that no unlawful content or misinformation is posted on their platforms, said Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar. Excerpts:

One criticism is that the grievance panel will give the government greater powers in content moderation...

There are two issues that we are looking at – safety and trust, and accountability. Earlier, under due diligence, intermediaries had to only broadcast to users about not uploading certain categories of harmful/unlawful content. There was no enforcement. We have changed that to say not only shall intermediaries inform and publish, but also cause that these things don't happen and in that we have included misinformation (in the content categories). So there is now a definite obligation on the part of the intermediary on

content moderation.

Currently, users just get a 'thank you for sending your grievance, we will revert to you' message from these platforms. The purpose of the GAC is to address unresolved grievances.

It is not an area the government wants to get into. We are doing it very, very reluctantly because we have an obligation and duty to the digital Nagriks that someone listens to their grievances; if platforms do not, then at least the government should.

Do intermediaries need to verify if the content is factual?

Intermediaries will need to verify it and 72 hours is enough time to verify.

If there isn't ample information available they should take it down. We have done a detailed study and found that the velocity and acceleration of flow of misinformation is 8-10 times faster than any regular information and it reaches a wider audience.

You will also be meeting intermediaries. What is the agenda?

I don't want things to be adversarial. This is not about just regulating intermediaries. It's about a shared view on how do we approach a safe and trusted Internet.

As to the new rules aiding partnership with the industry, is it being reciprocated by them?

I'm working on that. We did extensive public consultation with the industry.

We decided on a 72-hour time frame for content removal instead of 24 hours... They said in March we don't want GAC, we want a Self Regulatory Organisation (SRO)... I told them if you come with an SRO, I will include the SRO in the... rules. We waited at least two months. But the industry did not come up with the SRO.

Sumangala Steel aims at ₹1,500 cr. in sales

Steelmaker to install modern scrap shredder, thermo mechanical treatment finishing infrastructure at Puducherry: Ashwin Sabanayagam

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Sumangala Steel Pvt. Ltd. is installing a modern scrap shredder and thermo mechanical treatment finishing infrastructure to make blue steel at Puducherry as it targets ₹1,500 crore of sales, a top official said.

"The modern scrap shredder will be imported to process end-of-life vehicles, white goods and light scrap," Ashwin Sabanayagam, president and director, told reporters. "It will become operational by December '23," he said, adding it would be the first shredder in Puducherry.

"We are in talks to import it either from the U.S. or China," said Rajendran Sabanayagam, chairman & MD. "The scrap will be used as a raw material to make secondary steel products. It entails an investment of ₹25 crore."

The firm would also start investing in TMT finishing infrastructure to make blue steel from March. That facility would cost ₹15 crore. The total expansion cost would be met through borrowings.

Besides, the company had imported equipment from Italy to make ready-made steel-like benders and iron rings that would save time in construction.

"With the expansion and... new products" Sumangala is eyeing sales of ₹1,500 crore within 24 months, said Mr. Ashwin.

KVB aims to cut net NPAs to below 1% by March: MD

N Anand
CHENNAI

Karur Vysya Bank Ltd. (KVB) has chalked out plans to reduce gross and net non-performing assets (NPAs) to below 3% and 1% respectively by March '23.

"Due to lower slippages, recoveries and technical write-off, gross NPAs have come down to 3.97% (during Q2/FY23)," said MD & CEO B. Ramesh Babu.

"Our plan is to reduce it to below 3% by March '23." KVB would also work towards trimming net NPAs to below 1%, from 1.36%.

Indian Oil turns a ₹272 cr. loss in Q2 on below-cost fuel sales

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) on Saturday reported a net loss of ₹272.35 crore for July-September – the second straight quarter of loss arising from selling petrol, diesel and cooking LPG at rates below cost.

The loss compares with the profit of ₹6,360.05 crore recorded a year earlier, according to regulatory filings. Revenue from operations soared to ₹2.28 lakh crore from ₹1.69 lakh crore. IOC and other state-owned fuel retailers had booked heavy losses in the first quarter as they had not revised petrol, diesel and cooking gas LPG prices in line with costs, to help the government contain inflation.

Sport

India outshoots Australia, wins title

Press Trust of India
JOHOR BAHRU

Sweet success: India reclaimed the Sultan of Johor Cup, pipping Australia via sudden-death.

Two-time champion India defeated Australia 5-4 in a nail-biting penalty shootout to reclaim the Sultan of Johor Cup breaking its five-year title jinx here on Saturday. The teams were level 1-1 at regulation time. In the shootout, the teams finished 3-3, forcing the match into sudden-death.

Nine penalty shots were needed to decide the winner and Cooper Burns was denied by Mohith Shashikumar.

Vishnukant Singh calmly lifted into the back of the net. Liam Hart then scored Australia's first goal.

Mohith foiled Jayden Atkinson's attempt, before captain Uttam Singh won a penalty stroke which Sharda Nand Tiwari put away, giving India a 2-1 lead.

Joshua Brooks made it 2-2. Australia won a penalty stroke and Joshua scored without much ado. Ankit Pal equalised, taking the game into sudden-death.

Vishnukant stepped up for India, but he missed, after which Hart was denied by the post. Uttam then gave India a 4-3 lead with the next attempt, and Burns made it 4-4.

Boby missed his attempt, before Brodee put it wide, and the two teams remained tied at 4-4. Sudeep then held his nerve and made it 5-4.

Earlier, India broke the deadlock first through Sudeep (14). Jack Holland (29) scored as both teams went into half-time break 1-1.

The result:

India 1 drew with Australia 1; India won 5-4 in sudden-death.

ATK MB has the measure of EB again

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

ATK Mohun Bagan continued to hold sway over traditional rival East Bengal, downing the latter 2-0 in the opening Kolkata derby of the Indian Super League Season 9 at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Saturday. ATK MB extended its all-win record against EB to five in the ISL.

Hugo Boumous and Manvir Singh found the target as ATK MB took its tally to six from three matches. EB remained on three from four games.

EB had the first opportunity, launching a counter-attack in the 16th minute when Naorem Singh collected a looping ball on the left and sent a measured cross into the ATK MB box. Though the ball sailed over defender Brendan Hamill to reach an unmarked Thongkhosiem Haokip, the latter's sharp header failed to beat an alert ATK MB custodian Vishal Kaith.

Bragging rights: Manvir, second from left, and Boumous, left, helped ATK MB extend its run against EB in the ISL. FOCUS SPORTS/ISL

In the 32nd minute, it was defender Sarthak Golui's turn to become East Bengal's saviour when he came up with a timely block to deny Boumous who was about to shoot into an open net.

However, EB goalkeeper Kamaljit Singh's errors swung the momentum and contest ATK MB's way after the break. Juan Ferrando's men found the back of the net twice in a span of nine minutes. Boumous produced a fine solo effort in the 56th minute, dribbling past a couple of EB defenders before firing a right-footer that brushed past Kamaljeet's outstretched hands.

Manvir scored the insurance goal as his attempt flicked the legs of Kamaljit to home into the goal.

The results:

At Kolkata: ATK Mohun Bagan 2 (Hugo Boumous 56, Manvir Singh 66) bt East Bengal 0.

At Hyderabad: Hyderabad FC 1 (Javier 11) bt FC Goa 0.

Humpy moves closer to semifinal spot

Sports Bureau

Koneru Humpy and Anna Muzychuk played out a second draw in the FIDE Women's Candidates chess tournament at Monte Carlo on Friday. Humpy thus maintained her lead with just one game remaining in the quarterfinal match.

With the score reading 2-1, Humpy needs only a draw in that last game. The situation is identical in the other quarterfinal between China's Lei Tingjie and Mariya Muzychuk, with the former leading 2-1 after their game was also drawn.

Pragg joins leaders

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

With a third straight win, R. Praggnanandhaa became part of the leading pack of six players for the first time before Tania Sachdev suffered a shock loss and slipped out of the leaders' group in the women's section of the Asian chess championship here.

Top results (fourth round):

Open: Leon Mendonca (3.5) drew with S.L. Narayanan (3); Pranav Anand (2.5) lost to R. Praggnanandhaa (3.5); Aditya Mittal (2.5) lost to M. Karthikeyan (3.5); Koustav Chatterjee (3.5) bt Rinat Jumabayev (Kaz, 2.5); Raja Rithvik (3) drew with B. Adhiban (3); Sandipan Chanda (2.5) lost to Harsha Bharathakoti (3.5); Shyam Sundar (3) drew with Atabayev Saparmyrat (Tkm, 3); Aryan Chopra (2) lost to Maksat Atabayev (Tkm, 3.5); M. Pranesh (2) lost to S. P. Sethuraman (3); L. R. Srihari (2) lost to Aravindh Chithambaram (3).

Women: N. Priyanka (3.5) bt Tania Sachdev (2.5); Vantika Agrawal (2.5) lost to P.V. Nandhidhaa (3.5); Rakshitaa Ravi (3) drew with Nilufar Yakubbaeva (Uzb, 3); Vo Thi Kim Phung (Vie, 3.5) bt Liya Kurmangaliyeva (Kaz, 2.5); Nguyen Thi Mai Hung (Vie, 2.5) lost to Soumya Swaminathan (3.5); Saina Salonika (3) bt Bhakti Kulkarni (2); Divya Deshmukh (2.5) drew with C. Sahajasri (2.5); Kiran Manisha Mohanty (2.5) drew with Mary Ann Gomes (2.5); Padmini Rout (2.5) bt Mrudul Dehankar (1.5); Nisha Mohota (2) drew with Eesha Karavade (2).

Man City goes top, Chelsea stumbles

Associated Press
LEICESTER

Kevin de Bruyne's perfectly-struck free kick was enough to overcome the absence of Erling Haaland as Manchester City went top of the Premier League with a 1-0 win at Leicester on Saturday.

De Bruyne curled in a set piece from 25 yards that went over the Leicester wall and in via the post in the 49th minute.

Graham Potter's return to Brighton turned into a nightmare when he suffered his first defeat since taking charge of Chelsea in a 1-4 loss.

Newcastle United striker Callum Wilson netted twice and Miguel Almiron scored a sensational second-half strike as the fourth-placed Magpies thrashed Aston Villa 4-0. Tottenham Hotspur claimed a stunning 3-2 victory at Bournemouth from two goals down as Rodrigo Bentancur completed a sensational fightback from 0-2 down.

Top shot: De Bruyne's free-kick made the difference for Manchester City against Leicester. AP

The results: Premier League: Leicester 0 lost to Manchester City 1 (De Bruyne 49); Bournemouth 2 (Moore 22, 50) lost to Tottenham 3 (Sessegnon 57, Davies 73, Bentancur 90); Brighton 4 (Trossard 5, Loftus-Cheek 14-og, Chalobah 42-og, Gross 90) bt Chelsea 1 (Havertz 48); Newcastle 4 (Wilson 45-pen, 56, Joelinton 59, Almiron 67) bt Aston Villa 0.

LaLiga: Cadiz 3 (Bongonda 1, Fernandez 81, Sobrino 90+9) bt Atletico Madrid 2 (Hernandez 85-og, Felix 89)

Serie A: Napoli 4 (Osimhen 2, 19, 77, Kvaratskhelia 36) bt Sassuolo 0.

Bundesliga: Bayern Munich 6 (Gnabry 5, Musiala 28, Mane 43, Goretzka 57, Tel 79, Choupo Moting 86) bt Mainz 2 (Widmer 45+4, Ingvartsen 82); Frankfurt 1 (Kamada 26) lost to Dortmund 2 (Brandt 20, Bellingham 52).

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 5.30 a.m.

Men's T20 World Cup: Super 12s: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m. & 4.30 p.m.

U-17 Women's World Cup: Third place playoff, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 4.30 p.m.; Final, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 8 p.m.

BWF: French Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 5.30 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 & 9.45 p.m.

FIH Pro League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

ISL: Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Pro Kabaddi League: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD), 7.30 p.m. onwards

Formula 1: Mexican GP, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 a.m. (Monday).

CONFESSION

Akram admits he was once addicted to cocaine

Wasim Akram, in his upcoming autobiography, has admitted he was once addicted to cocaine after his retirement from the game. He said it went away after the death of his first wife, Huma, in 2009. "I liked to indulge myself, I liked to party. I developed a dependence on cocaine. It started innocuously and grew more serious," he said.

HAVE A RELOOK

Greg Chappell calls for review of dead ball during Free Hit

Australian great Greg Chappell has called for a review of the laws of cricket, saying if the ball hits the stumps during a Free Hit it should be declared dead. "If a bowler is good enough to bowl the perfect yorker, as Nawaz did, why does he need to be punished any further?" wrote Chappell in *The Sydney Morning Herald.*

THE LAST HURDLE

Satwiksairaj-Chirag pair stuns Korean duo, enters the final

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty dished out an attacking game in registering a commanding 21-18, 21-14 win over Korean pair of Choi Sol Gyu and Kim Won Ho to progress to the men's doubles final of the French Open Super 750 badminton tournament in Paris on Saturday.

KABADDI

Bharat swings it Bulls' way against Dabang; Giants too good for Titans

Bengaluru Bulls raider Bharat powered his team to a thrilling 47-43 victory over Dabang Delhi in the Pro Kabaddi League at Pune on Saturday. Bharat notched up a whopping 20 points. Gujarat Giants produced a clinical performance to secure a 30-19 victory against Telugu Titans while U Mumba cruised past Bengal Warriors 36-25.

Rohit's Men in Blue will look to keep the momentum going

India will need to bring its A-game against a tougher opponent in South Africa, which has had a mixed start to its campaign

T20 WORLD CUP

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
PERTH

Located on the west coast and 3934km by road from Sydney in the east, Perth is also three hours behind in terms of time-zone. Cricketers need to cope with a long flight besides adjusting their body-clocks. The vagaries of the weather have to be countered too.

With rain becoming a permanent shadow in the ICC Twenty20 World Cup, a feathery drizzle often moisturised the turf at the Optus Stadium while the temperature on Saturday noon hovered around 14°C.

Wind in their sails: The Indians will be keen to extend their perfect run. GETTY IMAGES

Cold conditions

Later as Rahul Dravid and Rohit Sharma walked towards the centre square, they were clad in full-sleeved windcheaters while their hands were tucked into their pockets. The pitch had a mild green tinge, the coach crouched low and touched the surface while the India captain shadow-practised a glide towards the off-side.

After the duo left, the covers were back at a gargantuan venue in a laid-back city with its road signs warning motorists of ducks crossing from the nearby Swan River.

In this urban milieu infused with the slow-life, India will take on South Africa in a Super 12 Group 2 match on Sunday night. With two back-to-back victories, the Men in Blue have begun well while South Africa's contest against Zimbabwe was washed out and against Bangladesh, Rilee Rossouw's ton set the platform for a win.

Having hosted South Africa for three T20Is and three ODIs recently, India has a fair knowledge of the rival unit even if the conditions are different and the context is a global tournament with its attendant pressures unlike a bilateral skirmish.

Warm memory cues

However, there could be warm memory cues from the earlier battles. K.L. Rahul, who did well in the T20Is against South Africa may draw strength from that and it is no different for Rossouw, who struck a hundred at Indore.

With Pakistan and the Netherlands clashing before India and South Africa turn up, the think-tanks will also get enough live clues on what's on offer from the 22 yards and accordingly tailor their playing elevens.

Holding the edge

With Group 1 enmeshed in the rains, clarity about the semifinalists may take time but in Group 2, India and South Africa hold the edge.

If the weather stays clear, Rohit and his counterpart Temba Bavuma get a chance to further their respective team's chances for the last-four sweepstakes.

Against South Africa's pace attack, the Indian batters need to stay firm and counter-punch. The same holds true for the rival willow-wielders.

Eternally chasing glory in ICC events, South Africa will bank on its big-game stars like Quinton de Kock and Kagiso Rabada to sparkle.

India may have had it easy against the Netherlands in Sydney, but the latest opposition is of a higher mettle and if this hurdle can be handled, Rohit's men can look ahead at the championship's business-end.

Before that the grim clouds should vacate the skies in a city famous for its fast bowling history at the old WACA Stadium where men like Dennis Lillee and the West Indies spearheads fired their lightning bolts.

The teams (from):

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul (Vice-Capt.), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Dinesh Karthik (wk), Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Deepak Hooda, R. Ashwin, Mohammed Shami, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Axar Patel, Yuzvendra Chahal, Harshal Patel and Arshdeep Singh.

South Africa: Temba Bavuma (Capt.), Quinton de Kock (wk), Rilee Rossouw, Heinrich Klaasen, Reeza Hendricks, Keshav Maharaj, Aiden Markram, David Miller, Lungi Ngidi, Anrich Nortje, Wayne Parnell, Kagiso Rabada, Tabraiz Shamsi, Tristan Stubbs and Marco Jansen.

Umpires: Langton Rusere and Richard Kettleborough; **TV umpire:** Richard Illingworth; **Match referee:** David Boon.

Match starts at 4.30 p.m. IST.

Today's matches

Bangladesh vs. Zimbabwe
Brisbane, 8.30 a.m. IST
H2H in T20Is
Played 19
Bangladesh 12 | Zimbabwe 7

Netherlands vs. Pakistan
Perth, 12.30 p.m. IST
H2H in T20Is
Played 1
Netherlands 0 | Pakistan 1

India vs. South Africa
Perth, 4.30 p.m. IST
H2H in T20Is
Played 23
India 13 | South Africa 9
NR 1

Rathour not too worried about Rahul's form

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
PERTH

After a few Indian players turned up for the optional training session at the Optus Stadium here on Saturday, batting coach Vikram Rathour walked into the press-conference hall located at the venue's basement. Ahead of India's Sunday night ICC T20 World Cup game against South Africa, questions centred on pace, the surface and the playing eleven.

Rathour offered a straight bat while also offering some quick counters. One such was centred around K.L. Rahul's meagre returns and whether that might create a berth for Rishabh Pant, and immediately Rathour said: "We are not really thinking about that. Two games, I don't think that's a good enough sample size. He has been batting really well and he has batted well in the practice games, so we are not looking at any such thing at the moment."

Talking about Virat Kohli's return to runs, the batting coach said: "He is a good enough player to adapt his game to whatever the team requires, and he has done that brilliantly, and we know that he will carry on doing that."

Later he added: "I don't think these are 200, 200-plus wickets, so we will need to adapt, and we have done pretty well in that regard."

Earlier South African speedster Anrich Nortje banked on the bowling unit to strike on a surface that according to him had "lots of pace and bounce." He also declared: "We see ourselves as one of the best pace attacks and we are definitely going to back ourselves. We have a great variety."

Phillips, Boult sizzle as NZ crushes Lanka

Blasting away: Phillips hit 10 fours and four sixes in his 64-ball 104. GETTY IMAGES

Agence France-Presse
SYDNEY

Glenn Phillips smashed a powerhouse 104 and Trent Boult grabbed four wickets as New Zealand swept past Sri Lanka by 65 runs here on Saturday.

New Zealand posted 167 for seven with Phillips unstoppable after the top-order was blown away, losing Finn Allen, Devon Conway and Kane Williamson with just 15 on the board.

Boult and Tim Southee then reduced Sri Lanka to four for eight in the chase and there was no way back as it crumbled to 102 all out. Boult ended with a career-best four for 13.

Phillips hit 10 fours and four sixes in his 64-ball knock – the second century of the tournament, after South African Rilee Rossouw's 109 against Bangladesh, and only the 11th in T20 World Cup history.

Plenty was on the line with Group One wide open after both matches in Melbourne on Friday – Australia vs England and Afghanistan vs Ireland – were washed out.

New Zealand's win gives it a two-point buffer at the top of the table from England, Ireland and Australia with two games to play.

The scores: New Zealand 167/7 in 20 overs (Glenn Phillips 104; Kasun Rajitha 2/23) bt Sri Lanka 102 in 19.2 overs (Bhanuka Rajapaksa 34, Dasun Shanaka 35; Trent Boult 4/13, Mitchell Santner 2/21, Ish Sodhi 2/21). **MoM:** Phillips.

How they stand

GROUP 1	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
New Zealand	3	2	0	1	5	3.850
England	3	1	1	1	3	0.239
Ireland	3	1	1	1	3	-1.169
Australia	3	1	1	1	3	-1.555
Sri Lanka	3	1	2	0	2	-0.890
Afghanistan	3	0	1	2	2	-0.620

GROUP 2	M	W	L	NR	PTS	NRR
India	2	2	0	0	4	1.425
South Africa	2	1	0	1	3	5.200
Zimbabwe	2	1	0	1	3	0.050
Bangladesh	2	1	1	0	2	-2.375
Pakistan	2	0	2	0	0	-0.050
Netherlands	2	0	2	0	0	-1.625

Sankar makes the men's under-19 final

Sports Bureau

India's Sankar Muthusamy on Saturday booked his place in the men's under-19 final with a clinical 21-13, 21-15 win over Thailand's Panitchaphon Teeraratsakul at the BWF World Junior Championships in Santander, Spain.

In the final on Sunday, the fourth seed will take on Chinese Taipei's Kuo Kuan-Lin, who outlasted Kim Byung-jae of South Korea 16-21, 21-10, 21-18 in the other semifinal.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Sankar said: "It was a tough match and not what the scoreline suggests. He (the Thai) is an attacking player and pretty good, too. As I got better with my defence, he got frustrated and started to make errors."

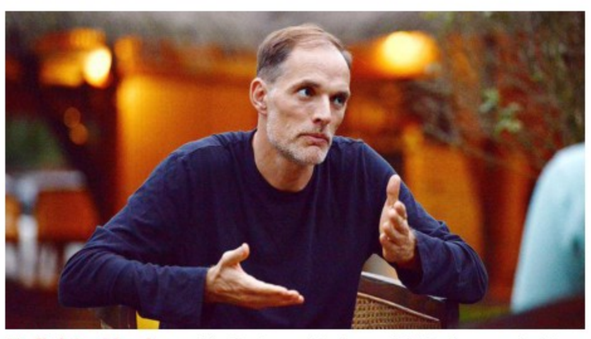
Sankar. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The 18-year-old said he was thrilled to make it to the summit clash on his maiden world juniors. "Every match is tough. I am looking forward to the final," said Sankar.

Tuchel's bitter-sweet Chelsea memories

P.K. Ajith Kumar
THRISSUR

As the sun is about to set off the Thalikulam beach on this slightly overcast Saturday evening, a couple of hundred metres away, at the Sitaram Beach Retreat, Thomas Tuchel begins to speak about his extraordinary career as football manager.



Unfinished business: Tuchel says his days with Chelsea ended too early for his liking.

Mixed feelings

He doesn't try to hide his disappointment at being forced to part ways with Chelsea last month. Neither does he hide his pride at leading Chelsea to the UEFA Champions League title, as an underdog, last year.

"I loved every day at Chelsea," says Tuchel, "It came to an end too early for me, but it was out of my hands. This is also what you sign up for."

On Chelsea's magnificent Champions League campaign, the 49-year-old German says the competition "was of such a level that you never expect to win it. We played the role of underdog. When I joined the club was ninth in the (English Premier) League, so even qualifying for the Champions League was an achievement."

He recalls there were several challenges, including the pandemic.

He arrived in Chelsea following a two-year stint with Paris Saint-Germain, guiding the club to two Ligue 1 titles.

So what's next for him?

"I haven't decided yet," he says. "It is now time for a break."

A few clubs have been calling his manager but he has been off the grid for the past 18 days. (He has been undergoing Ayurvedic rejuvenation therapy here since October 12).

He may consider coaching a national team, but doesn't want to comment on the reports about his interest in England.

His pick

And, his top teams for the Word Cup?

"Brazil, France, Argentina, Germany and England," he says. "Belgium and Senegal (could spring surprises). And don't forget Spain. I am looking forward to watching the players I trained."

Defending champion Spain runs into dark horse Colombia

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
NAVI MUMBAI

The 2022 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup final will pit defending champion Spain against first-time finalist Colombia at the D.Y. Patil Stadium here on Sunday.

Incidentally, Colombia began its World Cup campaign with a 0-1 loss to Spain. When the two sides meet again, the South Americans, who have not lost a game since, will look to settle scores.

"It is just one more step to get to the title and we are ready for it," said Spain's head coach Kenio Gonzalo. "We have kept ourselves composed and calm so far and will go into the match thinking of it as business as usual."

For Spain, Vicky Lopez has run the show – making runs behind the defence line, dribbling through centre-backs and, at times, scoring the winner.

Colombia's arsenal is handled by its captain, and one of women's football's most exciting prospects, Linda Caicedo. The 17-year-old leads the race for the Golden Boot with four goals.

Germany will meet Nigeria in the match for third place.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Rewarding outing: Aahida and M. Shreyanth who claimed both the singles and doubles titles in the Ashpire AITA CS7 under-14 tennis tournament. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Varshaa triumphs

Varshaa Sanjeev emerged the ladies billiards' champion of the Karnataka State billiards and snooker tournament held here.

The results:

Ladies billiards: R. Umadevi bt K. Roopa 50-25, 50-13; Varshaa Sanjeev bt P. Keerthana 50-18, 50-6; P. Keerthana bt K. Roopa 51-49, 50-29; R. Umadevi bt Varshaa Sanjeev 31-51, 52-25, 50-39; Varshaa Sanjeev bt K. Roopa 51-28, 51-35; P. Keerthana bt R. Umadevi 53-19, 22-51, 50-19.

Final ranking: 1. Varshaa Sanjeev 2. R. Umadevi 3. P. Keethana 4. K. Roopa.

Akshay stars for BSU

Akshay (51 points) powered Bharath Sports Union past Devanga Union 103-85 in the State Association Cup basketball championship for men at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium courts here on Saturday.

The results:

Men: Bharath SU 103 (Akshay 51, Nakul 16) bt Devanga Union 85 (Vishnu 23, Satya 15); Durgans BC (Chitradurga) 66 (Shivaraj 23, Poorna 15) bt Chickmagalur BC 61 (Chandru 22, Akil 14); Rajkumar BC 67 (Suhas 16, Venkat 14) bt KSP 42 (Lakshman Gasti 12); DRDO 60 (Sylvester 19, Parthiv 10) bt SBI 30 (Sridhar 17); Vijayanagar BC (Mysore) 72 (Akshay 30, Bhuvan 23) bt Cincinnatics BC 66 (Pavan 21, Suhas 11); Orions SC 65 (Yogesh Kakaria 25, Matthew 12) bt Vijayanagar BC (Hospet) 56 (Abhi 21); Southern Blues 92 (Benjamin 14) bt YCBC (Bellary) 35 (Arun 11, Mahesh 11); Pattabhiram Nagar BC 41 (Akash 15, Ananth 10) bt MCHS BC 22; PPC 66 (Milind 39, Aditya 11) bt Pinakini BC 56 (Danny 16, Pavan 13)

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Impetus posts win

Impetus SA edged out Raman SA 2-1 in the KSFA Youth under-11 premier football league here on Saturday.

The results:

Boys: U-11: BYFL bt William SA 6-0; Impetus SA bt Raman SA 2-1; Concient Football bt Shooterz FC 2-1; Kickstart FC bt BBFS 5-0;
U-18: Stadium FC bt Blue Star FC 13-0; FCBU bt BSSS 14-0; North East Youth FC bt Bengaluru Champs FA 4-2.

Aahida, Shreyanth emerge winners

Aahida Singh and M. Shreyanth bagged a double each in the Ashpire AITA CS7 Under-14 tennis tournament here. In the Topspin Tennis AITA CS7 Under-18 tournament, Kevin Titus and Siri Patil won the boys' and girls' singles titles respectively.

The results (finals):

Ashpire AITA CS7 U-14: Boys: Singles: M. Shreyanth bt Nihaar Sureshkumar 6-3, 6-4. **Doubles:** M. Shreyanth & H. Tarun bt Mohit Reddy & Ayaan Tareen 6-2, 3-6, 10-5.
Girls: Singles: Aahida Singh bt Madhumitha Ramesh 6-1, 7-6 (5).
Doubles: Aahida Singh & Aadiya Riteshkumar bt Riya Gangamma & Naba Nishan 6-3, 6-4.
Topspin Tennis AITA CS7 U-18: Singles: Boys: Kevin Titus bt Akash Geo 6-0, 6-2.
Girls: Siri Patil bt Gagana Mohankumar 6-0, 6-3.

It's Once You Go Black vs Salento in main event

MYSURU: Once You Go Black and Salento may fight out the finish of the Betway Mysore Derby 2022 (2,000m), the stellar attraction of the races to be held here on Sunday (Oct 30).

There will be no false rails.

1 DELHI RACE CLUB TROPHY (Div. II), (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 1.00 p.m.: 1. Power Port (10) B. Darshan 61, 2. Ruby Cube (4) J. Paswan 59.5, 3. Shivalik Mesmerise (12) Afsar Khan 59.5, 4. Chain Of Thoughts (1) J.H. Arul 59, 5. Blazing Engine (15) Sai Kiran 58.5, 6. Rajlakshmi (9) Shreyas S 58.5, 7. Here I Come (9) L.A. Rozario 58, 8. Diva In Gold (2) Ayaz Khan 57.5, 9. Top Rank (14) Ajay K 57.5, 10. Scarlet Princess (6) P. Siddaraju 57, 11. Vijaya Surabhi (3) Dhanu S 57, 12. Immortal Guest (13) Nazerul 56, 13. So Far (11) Angad 54.5, 14. Sand Castles (8) R. Pradeep 53 and 15. Regal Force (7) S. Saqlain 52.

1. REGAL FORCE, 2. CHAIN OF THOUGHTS, 3. BLAZING ENGINE

2 DELHI RACE CLUB TROPHY (Div. I), (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 1.30: 1. Able One (7) B.L. Paswan 62.5, 2. Lead Singer (12) Ajay K 62.5, 3. Rightly Noble (5) Shreyas S 62.5, 4. Bacchus (3) B. Darshan 61.5, 5. Aerospeed (10) P. Siddaraju 61, 6. Domitia (6) Dhanu S 61, 7. Memorable Time (4) S. Saqlain 61, 8. Omerta (9) S. Qureshi 61, 9. Romantic Heart (11) Sarvan K 61, 10. Rudram (2) G. Vivek 61, 11. Dawn Rising (14) J.H. Arul 60, 12. Mega Success (15) Jagadeesh 60, 13. Shivalik Attitude (1) Santosh K 60, 14. News Maker (8) Srinath 59.5 and 15. Star Citizen (13) Indrajeet S 53.5.

1. DAWN RISING, 2. RUDRAM, 3. MEMORABLE TIME

3 MADRAS RACE CLUB TROPHY (Div. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 2.00: 1. Mystic Divine (7) Angad 62, 2. White River (8) G. Rohith 62, 3. D Roman Reigns (13) Ajay K 61.5, 4. Tough Cookie (14) Sai Kiran 61, 5. Star Domination (15) M. Naveen 60.5, 6. Unique Style (4) S. Saqlain 60.5, 7. Serdar (1) P.S. Chouhan 59, 8. Remontoir (9) S. Shareef 57, 9. The King N I (3) Salman K 57, 10. Altair (5) P. Siddaraju 56.5, 11. Herodotus (11) Dhanu S 56.5, 12. Many Moons (6) H. Zeeshan 56, 13. Brooklyn Supreme (2) Tauseef 55.5, 14. Ghyama (10) Ayaz Khan 55 and 15. Al Jawaad (12) A. Agarwal 54.5.

1. SERDAR, 2. THE KING N I, 3. TOUGH COOKIE

4 ROYAL WESTERN INDIA TURF CLUB LTD. TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 2.30: 1. Fernet Branca (13) J.H. Arul 62, 2. Elusive Girl (12) Akshay K 60.5, 3. Star Of Thea (8) R. Shiva K 60, 4. Amazing Safari (7) S. Qureshi 59, 5. Golden Vision (2) Suraj 59, 6. Minx (4) Kiran Rai 59, 7. Blue Blossom (6) Ayaz Khan 57.5, 8. Lord Commander (15) Nazerul 57, 9. Mystic Eye (3) S. Saqlain 57, 10. Super Gladiator (11) Sai Kiran 57, 11. Naval Wrestler (14) L.A. Rozario 56, 12. Donna Bella (9) Antony 55.5, 13. Skyfire (10) Shreyas S 52.5, 14. D Fire (5) Neeraj 52 and 15. The Strength (1) M. Chandrashekar 51.5.

1. GOLDEN VISION, 2. SKYFIRE, 3. DONNA BELLA

5 HYDERABAD RACE CLUB TROPHY (1,400m), rated 60 to 85, 4-y-o & over, 3.00: 1. Peyo (13) Suraj 61.5, 2. Aberlour (8) Shreyas S 61, 3. Coorg Regiment (14) B. Darshan 61, 4. Caracas (15) Trevor 60.5, 5. Sadeek (10) M. Prabhakaran 60, 6. Wild Spell (3) Angad 58, 7. Court Jester (11) L.A. Rozario 57.5, 8. Nothing To Worry (4) Kiran Rai 57.5, 9. Revelator (12) R. Shiva K 57.5, 10. Evaldo (9) Akshay K 55, 11. Thousand Words (1) Antony 55, 12. Extraordinary (2) Sai Kiran 54.5, 13. Rising Sun (5) Dhanu S 54, 14. Sound Of Canon's (7) S. Shareef 53.5 and 15. Memoriter (6) G. Vivek 53.

1. EVALDO, 2. PEYO, 3. CARACAS

6 BANGALORE TURF CLUB TROPHY (1,200m), rated 80 & above, 3.30: 1. Golden Oaks (2) Salman K 64.5, 2. Gold Field (3) Srinath 62, 3. Golden Guest (7) P.S. Chouhan 57.5, 4. Make My Way (1) Angad 56.5, 5. Segera (4) R. Shiva K 56.5, 6. The Sovereign Orb (5) Shreyas S 56.5, 7. Contributor (6) H. Zeeshan 53.5, 8. Tactical Command (9) Nazerul 53.5 and 9. Mogul (8) S. Saqlain 50.

1. GOLDEN OAKS, 2. THE SOVEREIGN ORB, 3. GOLDEN GUEST

7 BETWAY MYSORE DERBY 2022 (2,000m), 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4.00: 1. All Attraction (3) Neeraj 56, 2. Last Wish (8) J.H. Arul 56, 3. O Kanhaiya (2) S. Saqlain 56, 4. Once You Go Black (6) Suraj 56, 5. Prague (1) Trevor 56, 6. Salento (9) Antony 56, 7. Still I Rise (7) Akshay K 56, 8. Sucre (4) P.C. Chouhan 56 and 9. Wild Emperor (5) Srinath 56.

1. ONCE YOU GO BLACK, 2. SALENTO, 3. SUCRE

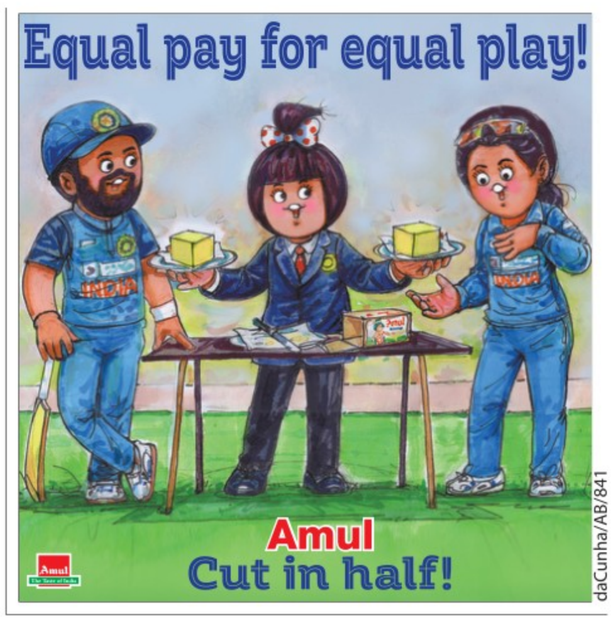
8 ROYAL CALCUTTA TURF CLUB TROPHY (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 4.30: 1. Gemini (8) Mukesh K 61.5, 2. War Eagle (6) Sai Kiran 61.5, 3. D Don King (11) Jagadeesh 61, 4. Dr Logan (12) B.L. Paswan 60, 5. Smile Around (10) P. Siddaraju 60, 6. Bramastram (14) S. Shareef 58, 7. Kings Speech (2) B. Nayak 55.5, 8. Mr Humble (4) R. Pradeep 55.5, 9. Vijaya Sarathi (9) Kiran Rai 54.5, 10. Airvelocity (5) Afsar Khan 53.5, 11. California Gold (15) S. Saqlain 53, 12. Highland Park (1) Angad 52.5, 13. Surprise Package (7) B. Darshan 52, 12. Buttonwood (3) A. Agarwal 51 and 15. Fifty Grand (13) R. Shiva K 51.

1. KINGS SPEECH, 2. GEMINI, 3. WAR EAGLE

9 MADRAS RACE CLUB TROPHY (Div. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5.15: 1. Sunway Lagoon (10) D. Patel 60, 2. Angel Dreams (7) Sarvan K 59, 3. Ice Storm (3) M. Prabhakaran 59, 4. Meraki (5) S. Qureshi 59, 5. Southern Force (13) Rayan 59, 6. Klimt (8) Neeraj 58.5, 7. Eco System (9) M. Chadrashekar 58, 8. Goodluck Bro (12) Afsar Khan 58, 9. Jacaranda (2) G. Rohith 58, 10. Super Sexy (4) B. Darshan 58, 11. Gods Power (6) Sai Kiran 57.5, 12. Hurrem (15) Dhanu S 57, 13. War Trail (14) B.L. Paswan 56, 14. Gabriella (11) H. Zeeshan 55.5 and 15. Infinite Grace (1) R. Pradeep 55.

1. KLIMT, 2. SOUTHERN FORCE, 3. WAR TRAIL

Day's best: **EVALDO**
Double: **SERDAR - GOLDEN VISION**
Jkt: 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9; Tr (i): 1, 2 and 3; (ii): 4, 5 and 6; (Iii): 7, 8 and 9.



Ancelotti happy with current Real squad

Agence France-Presse
MADRID

Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti says he is happy with the current squad and won't look for back-up for Karim Benzema in January.

"We are not thinking about the winter window, we are not interested in it.

This is the squad which will continue until the end of the season and it will not change,"Ancelotti said.

Vengsarkar, Shubhangi elected as ICA representatives

Press Trust Of India
NEW DELHI

Former India captains Dilip Vengsarkar and Shubhangi Kulkarni were on Saturday elected to represent Indian Cricketers' Association (ICA) on the BCCI Apex Council. While Shubhangi was elected unopposed as the female ICA representative on the BCCI Apex Council, Vengsarkar defeated outgoing ICA president Ashok Malhotra.

Siege Perilous wins Mysore Race Club Anniversary Cup

MYSURU: Prasanna Kumar trained Siege Perilous (Antony Raj up) won the Mysore Race Club Anniversary Cup, the feature event of the races held here on Saturday (Oct 29). The winner is owned by Mr. P. Prasanna Kumar, Mrs. Ammu Ajit & Mr. Dean Stephens.

THE RESULTS

1. SRI C. SASHACHALAM MEMORIAL TROPHY (Div. II), (1,600m), rated 20 to 45: **ECO FRIENDLY** (Sai Kiran) 1, Break Away (Angad) 2, Coorg General (S. Saqlain) 3 and Southern Warrior (Rayan) 4. 1-3/4, Nk and 4-1/4. 1m 37.60s. ₹34 (w), 13, 23 and 17 (p), SHP: 68, THP: 45, FP: 643, Q: 188, Trinella: 1,370 and 506.

Favourite: Mystic Mountain.

Owners: M/s. Naresh Kumar Pawar & Dinesh Kumar K. Trainer: Sharat Kumar.

2. SHARAN LAKSHMANAN MEMORIAL TROPHY (Div. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over: **PASTICHE** (Darshan) 1, Chisox (S. Saqlain) 2, Venezuela (Dhanu S) 3 and Spiritual Force (J.H. Arul) 4. Lnk, 2 and 2-3/4. 1m 12.25s. ₹42 (w), 16, 25 and 14 (p), SHP: 44, THP: 46, FP: 146, Q: 79, Trinella: 856 and 241.

Favourite: Venezuela.

Owner and trainer: Mr. Aravind Ganapathy.

3. H.P. VISHWANATHAN MEMORIAL TROPHY (2,000m), rated 60 to 85: **KENSINGTON** (Antony) 1, Crescendo (Shreyas S) 2, Capable (G. Vivek) 3 and Garrison (S. Saqlain) 4. 5-3/4, 1-1/4 and 1/2. 2m 02.92s. ₹12 (w), 12 and 36 (p), SHP: 46, THP: 41, FP: 69, Q: 59, Trinella: 125 and 23.

Favourite: Kensington.

Owners: Diamond Band Racing Syndicate Pvt Ltd rep by. Mr. Shiven Surendranath, M/s. Haider Soomar, Kersi H. Vachha & Sumit Mazumder. Trainer: Arjun Mangalorkar.

4. SRI C. SASHACHALAM MEMORIAL TROPHY (Div. I), (1,600m), rated 20 to 45: **TWILIGHT TORNADO** (Salman K) 1, Star Comet (Darshan) 2, Kushaq (J.H. Arul) 3 and Great Hope (Sai Kiran) 4. 1, 3/4 and Hd. 1m 37.76s. ₹36 (w), 13, 13 and 19 (p), SHP: 38, THP: 42, FP: 164, Q: 78, Trinella: 762 and 455.

Favourite: Star Comet.

Owner: Mrs. Deepa Devaney. Trainer: Neil Devaney.

5. R.M. PUTTANNA MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,600m), rated 40 to 65: **DOUGLAS** (Srinath) 1, Loch Lomond (Trevor) 2, Mirra (Antony) 3 and D Jani (Jagadeesh) 4. 3/4, 3/4 and 2. 1m 35.97s. ₹67 (w), 12, 18 and 13 (p), SHP: 28, THP: 75, FP: 217, Q: 180, Trinella: 593 and 202.

Favourite: Mirra.

Owners: M/s. Kishore M. Dingra, Ashok Ranpise & Prakash Babu. Trainer: Neil Devaney.

6. GAYATRI DEVI MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms): **ADJUSTMENT** (Neeraj) 1, Archway (Antony) 2, O Manchali (R. Shiva K) 3 and Eye The Mind (Mukesh K) 4. Not run: The Flying Feet and Meadow Flower. 2-3/4, Lnk and 1. 1m 11.72s. ₹22 (w), 10, 14 and 44 (p), SHP: 41, THP: 105, FP: 58, Q: 43, Trinella: 845 and 634.

Favourite: Adjustment.

Owners: Arion Horse Co. Pvt Ltd & Dr. S.P. Sardeshmukh. Trainer: S. Padmanabhan.

7. MYSORE RACE CLUB ANNIVERSARY CUP (1,400m), 3-y-o & over, (Terms): **SIEGE PERILOUS** (Antony) 1, Chashni (Akshay K) 2, Automatic (S. Saqlain) 3 and Knotty Dancer (Suraj) 4. 1-1/2, 3/4 and 1-3/4. 1m 22.28s. ₹33 (w), 19 and 13 (p), SHP: 20, THP: 39, FP: 113, Q: 100, Trinella: 419 and 141.

Favourite: Knotty Dancer.

Owners: Mr. P. Prasanna Kumar, Mrs. Ammu Ajit & Mr. Dean Stephens. Trainer: Prasanna Kumar.

8. BOTTOLONDA TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over: **HEROISM** (H. Rahul) 1, Amazonia (Akshay K) 2, Rhythmic (J.H. Arul) 3 and Vijaya Falcon (Sai Kiran) 4. 1, 1 and 1. 1m 23.97s. ₹49 (w), 22, 19 and 24 (p), SHP: 48, THP: 47, FP: 420, Q: 144, Trinella: 1,106 and 517, Exacta: 4,461 (carried over).

Favourite: Tarek.

Owner and trainer: Mr. C.D. Monnappa.

9. SHARAN LAKSHMANAN MEMORIAL TROPHY (Div. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over: **LIGHTNING CHARLIE** (Shreyas S) 1, John Connor (G. Vivek) 2, N R I Level (Afsar Khan) 3 and Dallas Drifter (S. Saqlain) 4. 3-3/4, 1-1/2 and 1. 1m 11.93s. ₹42 (w), 15, 16 and 51 (p), SHP: 39, THP: 127, FP: 102, Q: 42, Trinella: 2,442 and 3,663, Exacta: 3,828.

Favourite: John Connor.

Owner: Mr. M. Satyanarayana. Trainer: Pradeep Annaiah.

Jackpot: ₹46,454 (five tkts); Runner-up: 3,555 (28 tkts); Treble (i): 249 (six tkts); (ii): 2,024 (carried over); (iii): 873 (28 tkts).

Sakshi wins 49kg gold

Sports Bureau

Sakshi Mhaske lifted a total of 168kg to win the 49kg gold medal in the Khelo India National Ranking women's weightlifting tournament at Modinagar (Uttar Pradesh) on Saturday.

Sneha Soren (167kg) and Gyaneshwari Yadav (164kg) secured the silver and bronze.

Akash.. triple jump gold.

Puneet and Soniya claim 10,000m

ATHLETICS

Sports Bureau

Haryana's Puneet Yadav and Uttarakhand's Soniya won the men's and women's 10,000m gold in the second National under-23 athletics championships which began in Bilaspur on Saturday.

Kerala's Akash Varghese and AP's Mallala Anusha won the men's and women's triple jump titles.

The results (gold medallists only):
Men: 10,000m: Puneet Yadav (Har) 29:44.64s. **Pole vault:** Shekhar Pandey (UP) 4.80m. **Triple jump:** Akash Varghese (Ker) 15.70m.
Women: 10,000m: 1. Soniya (Utkd) 37:32.66s. **Triple jump:** Mallala Anusha (AP) 12.79m. **Shot put:** Yogita (14.90m). **Hammer throw:** Tanya Chaudhary (UP) 53.72m.